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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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Average persons (how many of us there are!) know rather more about the Greece of Pericles than about the Greece of King George. This ignorance is not due to lack of interest. Most persons of a reasonable degree of culture usually have in their hearts an interest almost affectionate in the little country whose people once did so much to make the world wiser and better and pleasanter to live in, by creating and perfecting a literature and an art which are as beautiful and full of life to-day as they were thousands of years ago. There are some good things that never grow old.

The world sometimes remembers, too, that it was the Greeks who drove back the barbarians of the East, and made civilized life possible for the rest of Europe.

But Greece is far away, and not many of us see it for ourselves,—almost none of us long and intimately enough to know truly the land and the people. One stays a week in Athens, makes hurried visits to Marathon, Eleusis, Corinth, Mycenæ, Delphi, Olympia, and writes a book. People read it, and

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learn some things about these places that they already knew fairly well. They perhaps learn other things, — as that Greece contains almost exactly the same number of square miles as West Virginia; that hotels in the cities are surprisingly good, while the village inns are often deplorably bad; that the national debt is extremely large for a country so small; and that the main crop is currants. It will be a pity if they do not learn also that our latest tariff law imposed an import duty of about one hundred per cent ad valorem on these currants, for the protection of the raisin-growers of California.

One of the many good things about Mr. Horton's "In Argolis" is its lack of the usual statistics. The only figures in it are those used in numbering the pages. And the reader will wish for more of these.

It is hard to see how any other barbarian could have written this book, — not even the thirty-first chapter, in which Kyrios Douzinas buys a fish. The author knows Greece, — the country itself, its glorious history, its splendid literature, its language old and new, its people and their ways of life. He has, very