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WHEREUNTO IS ADDED "THE FIRST BIO-
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FOREWORD.

"Next to Shakespeare I am not certain whether Thomas Fuller, beyond all writers, does not excite in me the sense and emotions of the marvellous."

COLERIDGE.

"The writings of Fuller are usually designated by the title of quaint, and with sufficient reason; for such was his natural bias to conceits that, I doubt not, upon most occasions it would have been going out of his way to have expressed himself out of them. But his wit is not always lumen siccum, a dry faculty of surprising. On the contrary, his conceits are oftentimes deeply steeped in humour, feeling, and passion. Above all, his way of telling a story, for its eager liveliness, and the perpetual running commentary of the narrator, happily blended with the narration, is perhaps unequalled."

CHARLES LAMB.

THE
L I F E

OF

That Reverend Divine

AND

Learned Historian,

Dr. THOMAS FULLER.

Si Post Fata venit Gloria sic prospera,
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