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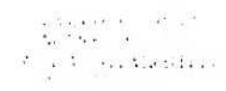
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To My father



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Prefatory Note

T HIS little book has been written in the hope that it may minister to an intelligent appreciation of Mr. Kipling's prose and poetry. The world has never before witnessed the spectacle of a collected edition of an author's works issued within a dozen years of the date on his earliest title-page. A body of criticism is bound to grow up around the writings of a genius so commanding and brilliant. If the *Primer* serve as an unpretentious forerunner of this literature, it asks nothing more.

In assigning stories and poems to their respective volumes, I have made reference not to the sumptuous and expensive Outward Bound edition, but to the Appleton editions of The Seven Seas and Many Inventions, Century Company editions of the Jungle Books, Doubleday & McClure editions of the Day's Work and From Sea to Sea, and Macmillan editions of the remaining books.

It should be said, however, that several of the early collections of stories are in a few instances contained in one volume. For example, Macmillan has bound together Soldiers Three, The Story of the Gadsbys, and In Black and White under the general