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PREFACE

THE chapters which follow have been written in the confident belief that the subject of them has secured a permanent position in English literary history, that his poetry will be read and admired centuries after those who were his contemporaries have passed away, and that in the years to come generations of poetry-lovers will be eager to know what kind of man he was, what he looked like, what his circle thought of him. It has seemed worth while, therefore, to jot down the impressions and reminiscences of a few of his friends who have been kind enough to search their memories at my request, and to add to this material my own. My excuse for under-

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taking the work is the fact that—first as editor and contributor and then as publisher and author—Flecker and myself were closely associated during the greater part of his literary life, and I was thus fortunate in hearing more of his literary plans and of his ideas about his own poems than most of his other friends, including many who knew him far more intimately than I did.

This small volume certainly makes no pretensions to be described as a "Life" of Flecker; but it will, I trust, be found to contain a certain amount of information which lovers of his poetry will find of interest.

As a complete biography of the poet will doubtless be issued in due course, I have refrained deliberately from tapping many important sources of information. I have, however, gratefully to acknowledge the help which I have received from (among others)

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