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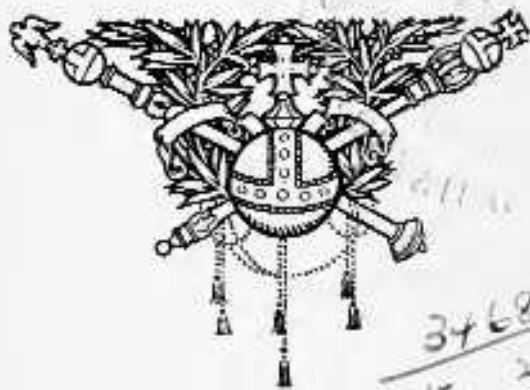
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FOREWORD

THE hasty reviewer, whose 'driving is like the driving of Jchu the son of Nimshi, for he driveth furiously,' may, following the ancient formula of his craft, declare that herein I have said nothing new. Yet I have honestly endeavoured to say something true, which, in regard to Burns, may be novelty enough.

The purpose of this little book is not to instruct any who are beyond the reach of instruction; but if it turn those who know little to the poet and his work, and to greater books, it will have served the end for which it has been written. And if it prompt any one to write better, out of fuller knowledge, then it will have surely done a nobler thing than it hoped to be worthy of.

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