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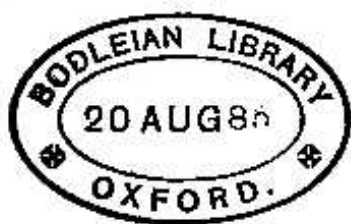
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PREFACE AND DEDICATION.

It is well known that it takes nine tailors to make a man. If we substitute for tailors, Ushers, we have never yet been informed how many of the latter would be required to satisfy the equation. In other words, the modern Usher, *quâ* Usher, is practically ignored. Food, dormitories, school hours, cubic space are all subjects of anxious inquiry: the Usher is a chattel whose presence or absence in a school seems to be quite disregarded by the parental world.

If the Author could make sure of securing one parent as a reader, and of

convincing him or her (1) of the existence of the Usher, and (2) of his importance as a factor in school life, his jealousy for the honour of his profession would be in a measure satisfied.

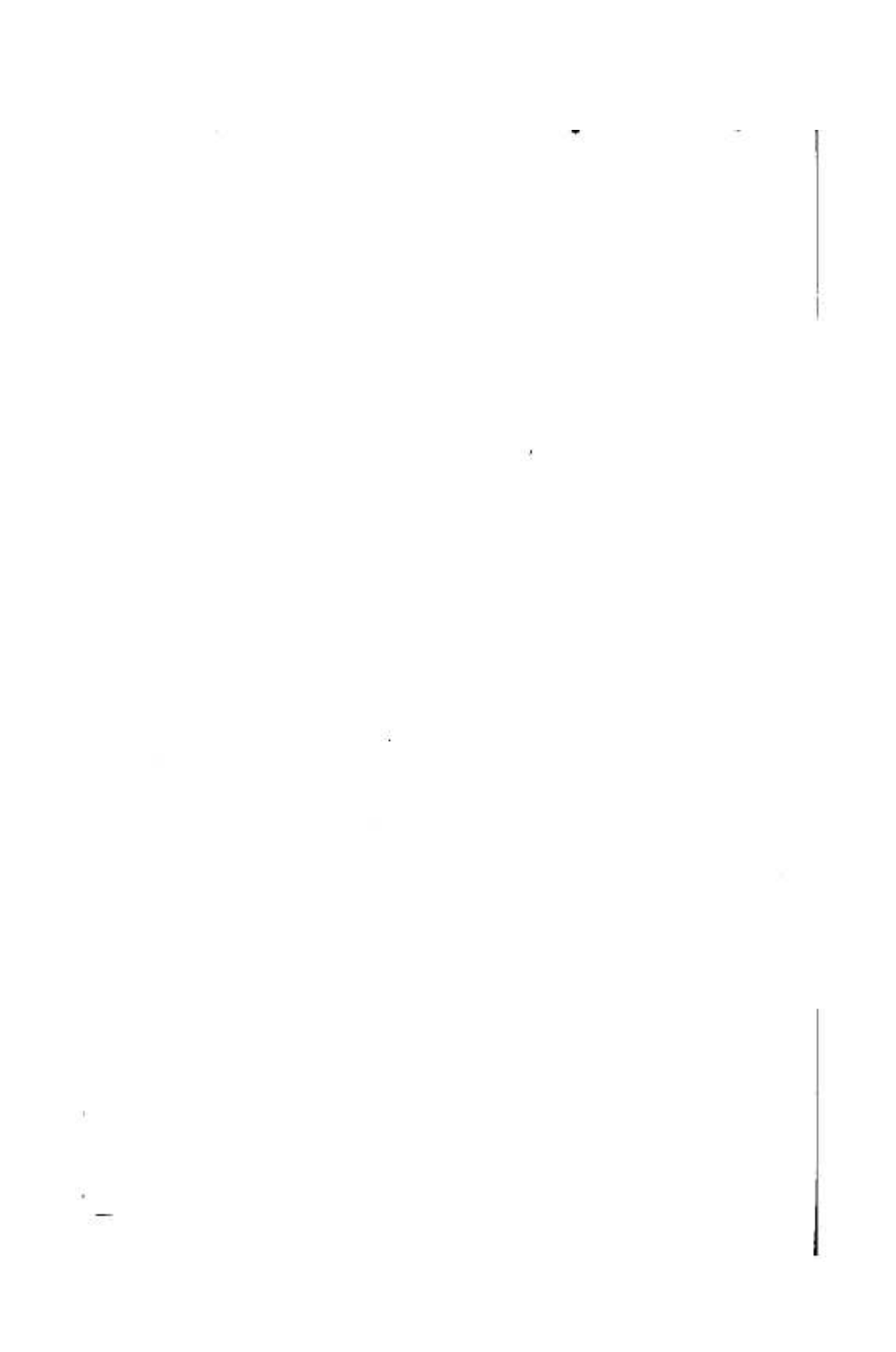
For the rest, he can only hope to number as his readers those who are most specially interested in the matter, the Ushers themselves.

To all Ushers, therefore, past, present, or to come, from Oliver Goldsmith and Eugene Aram down to the very last recruit who has enrolled, or hereafter shall enrol himself, in the ranks of this noble army, this little book is respectfully dedicated by

ONE OF THEM.

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

“Ushers are men of learning, reputation, and assiduity.”—*Goldsmith.*



OF the schoolmaster in general much has been said and sung. He is often before the public. In slack times he is invaluable to the writers of smart general articles in the daily papers, at whose hands it must be confessed that