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PREFACE.

THIS book aims at being what its title indicates — a primer, a first book. It strives to tell simply and clearly a few things, and to bring prominently before the reader only the greatest literary names.

The author has found that young readers get very little from a book which presupposes wide knowledge on their part, or which deals with elaborate literary criticism. Much reading is done in the schools, however, and it is necessary to give pupils some chronological idea of the growth of literature and the place of authors. It is the purpose of this book to supply that chronology in form somewhat fuller than an outline, and yet less bulky than the regular histories. While it gives no new point of view or "illuminating criticisms," it hopes to meet the need of all classes of students who wish to acquire in a straightforward way the generally accepted facts of English literary history.

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