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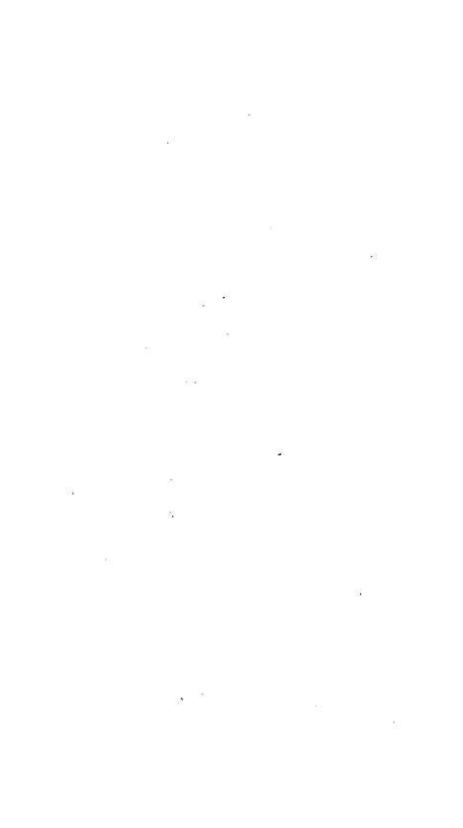
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PREFACE

THERE is an unusual interest in this book of fragments from the Arthurian plays which Richard Hovey left unfinished at the time of his death, in that it throws new light on the whole series of masques and dramas which he originally projected under the title, "Launcelot and Guenevere, A Poem in Dramas."

Four parts of this work, two lyrical masques and two plays, were already published during his lifetime. And although these are poetic creations of marked beauty and power, they have always lacked something of the fullest significance which potentially belongs to them as related portions of a larger and more imposing whole. We can never have the pleasure of reading this great cycle of plays and interludes in the beauty of its entirety as Hovey would have written it, but now at last we can see more of its full scope and purport, and derive a deepened satisfaction from realizing its essential profundity, seriousness, and wisdom. Fragmentary as it is, therefore, this volume, with its illuminating notes and introduction, will have a precious importance to the lover of poetry and the student of American letters.