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PREFACE

My first interest in the subject of this little book was awakened years ago when as a sophomore I studied literature in college. It seemed to me then that the stories in the regular course in English literature, as stories if divested of philology and the many critical notes, could be made of primary interest to young people. The idea impressed me so much at the time, that I wrote to both an editor and a publisher confiding in them my idea, but received little encouragement. I dropped the idea until a few years later when I was teaching a little village school. Then I had an opportunity of making an actual test of the stories with the children, and this experience is given in one chapter of this book.

Since then I have told to thousands, children and children of a larger growth, the stories discussed and given in these pages. Some of the material presented here has by my consent appeared elsewhere, but from the first was intended for this publication. The

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story of Sir Gareth was written by Miss E. O. Wiggins and is used here by her kind permission.

RICHARD THOMAS WYCHE.

New York City,
June 25, 1910.

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