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## PREFACE

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I PRESENT this little book to such of the public as care to read it, without apology. The "pieces" that are included in it appeared in bygone years in the *Toronto Varsity*, the *McGill Outlook*, the *Harvard Advocate*, the *Princeton Tiger* and other journals of the same uncommercial and ideal character. The responsibility for their existence rests with the brilliant and uncalculating young men who are editors of such publications.

I am aware that some of these sketches and verses are local and topical in their nature. But I have lived and breathed so long in a college atmosphere that I am convinced that all colleges are in a measure alike, and that what is said of one is true of all.

Many of the men whose names appear here in print are now numbered with the majority.

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I trust that it is no violation of good taste to leave any mention of them unaltered from what it was. I have no other intention than to honour their memory.

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