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The hero brought up his shield with a quick motion

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P R E F A C E

THE following is an attempt to place in suitable form for children of the age of thirteen years and upward two fine old tales of abiding interest. Their heroes are types of the best manhood known, and the stories themselves breathe the very life of our English ancestry at two of its most significant periods in history. In the appointed order of things, it was necessary for the institution of chivalry to pass, but its spirit is immortal and still touches every heart that is generous enough to accept it.

The present re-telling seeks to be true to the originals in every essential particular and to retain as far as practicable their style and flavor. The stories have been thoroughly tested with children in

oral presentation and to some extent in manuscript.

I take this opportunity to express my obligation to my colleagues, Dr. Frederick Wilson Truscott, Professor of Germanic Languages and Literature, and Mr. Simeon Conant Smith, Professor of Rhetoric, for a careful reading of the manuscript and many helpful suggestions. No less is due to the wise counsel and practical assistance of my wife, to whom belongs much of whatever merit this little book may have.

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