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### PREFACE

IN a well-known dictionary of American artists in which considerable space is devoted to almost all of our artists, we find under Frank Duveneck's name just a small paragraph, and under that the editor's remark : "No answer to circular." This is characteristic of Duveneck. Since it was not a very easy matter to get the chronology of the works and most interesting facts in connection with them correctly, I am especially indebted to those who have aided me in the preparation of this little work, to Mrs. William B. Pratt, Mr. Clement Barnhorn, and Mr. Oliver Dennett Grover. For permission to make use of photographs of their paintings by Duveneck I am grateful to the Cincinnati Museum, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Chi-

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Joseph DeCamp's portrait of Duveneck strongly indicates his physical and mental make-up and harmonizes very well with Mrs. Pennell's description (page 85). The expression of his eyes and hands in the canvas, suggesting a quistude that to the outsider might mean almost anything, yet to those that mow him conveys the feeling of latent power and reminds one that these blue eyes of his are used to look at things firmly and to take from them a clear-cut summary of what is there. The portrait is a double tribute of DeCamp to his teacher. It was a work of love, time having been taken from commissions to complete it for a gift to Cincinnati, where DeCamp was born and received his sarly art training. It also carries the sign of the latter's training under Doveneck. A fine piece of characterisation; the person summed it op who said, "Cut the hand on the left out and show it to anybody that knows Duveneck and he will tell you whose hand it is."

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