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PREFACE

THIS book treats of the problems connected with the Germanic year—the three-score-day tide of Yule, the Germanic adoption of the Roman calendar, and the introduction of the festival of Christ's Nativity into a part of the German year, which till then had apparently been without a festivity. It traces the revolution brought about by these events, in custom, belief, and legend up to the fourteenth century. By that time, the Author believes, most of the fundamental features which go towards the making of modern Christmas had already come to have their centre in the 25th day of December.

Five chapters of the present book—but somewhat shortened—appear simultaneously in the *Proceedings of the Glasgow Archaeological Society*.

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