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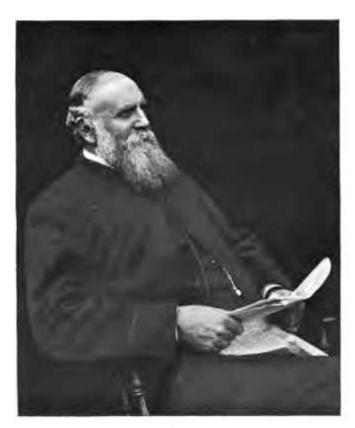
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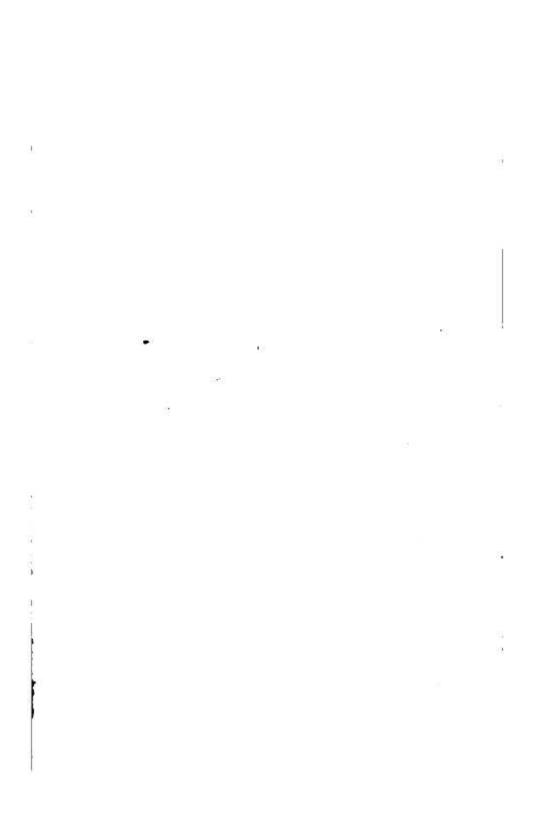
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TRUE SPORTSMAN AND LOYAL FRIEND.





PREFACE

Ir would indeed be a graceless sin of omission did I not record with gratitude the thanks which are due to the friends who have (in one way or another) earned them so well, by their kind help, advice, and sympathy during the writing and publication of this book.

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