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“Whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together.”

—SWIFT.

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*The extreme quaintness and originality of Rowland Vaughan's little book have led me to republish it, in the hopes that what has charmed me in its diction, will not prove "caviar to the general." The spelling and punctuation I have scrupulously followed, but have omitted the old-fashioned lettering. The original binding was too costly for reproduction, so I have taken a suggestion from it, with a view to keeping up the character of the book.*

*I cannot write even a small half-page of introduction without acknowledging my indebtedness to Dr. Vevers, who, by kindly lending me his copy of the "Water-workes," halved my labours by enabling me to transcribe it at home; and to Mr. J. H. Parry of Harewood, from whose hospitable house I*

*pilgrimaged to see New Court and the Golden Valley, and who has done one or two pilgrimages since, in order to verify my information, or to dig deeper into the subject for me. To those two gentlemen the "hearty thanks of mee," who remain "theirs, as they have given mee cause,"*

ELLEN BEATRICE WOOD.

MOLEWOOD HOUSE, HERTFORD,  
November 1896.

## INTRODUCTION

OF Rowland Vaughan, author of the following pamphlet, so little is known, except what he himself tells us, that an introductory sketch of even a few pages is a matter of some difficulty. The second son of Watkyn Vaughan of Bredwardyne, County Hereford, he was intended for Court life, his first-cousin, Rowland Vaughan of Porthamel (afterwards M.P. for Breconshire), being Groom of the Chambers to Queen Elizabeth, and his grand-aunt, Dame Blanche Parry, her great friend and chief Bedchamber-woman; but, as he himself tells us, "his spirit was too tender to endure the bitterness" of Dame Blanche's "humor," and after some years spent in the greatness and glory of Court, he was "forced" by the same old relative's "careful, though crabbed, authority" into the Irish wars—probably