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## PREFACE

THERE is an unusual interest in this book of fragments from the Arthurian plays which Richard Hovey left unfinished at the time of his death, in that it throws new light on the whole series of masques and dramas which he originally projected under the title, "Launcelot and Guenevere, A Poem in Dramas."

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