
FOREWORD

IN presenting to the public a second chronicle from the somewhat intimate records entrusted to me by my old newspaper friend "Mr. Addison Kent," I have been led to select the case of *The Golden Scarab* for a number of reasons. Chief of these, aside from its timeliness, is the fact that it brought Kent once more in contact with his old enemy "Alceste," in rather a remarkable way which bears directly upon certain startling material in my possession for possible use at some future date. Also, I have received from readers of *The Gauntlet of Alceste* so many requests for the further history of this gentleman's exploits that I am left but little choice in the matter.

It has been my endeavour to adhere closely to the actual records, sufficiently strange in themselves. The assistance of Mr. Arthur Weigall, late Inspector-General of Antiquities, Egyptian Government, Member of the Catalogue Staff of the Cairo Museum and Officer of the Order of the Medjidieh, is gratefully acknowledged. In his volume *Tutankhamen* (Thornton Butterworth, Limited) he relates an actual experience of his own in connection with the mummy of a sacred cat, discovered