

PREFACE.



In offering this little volume to the public, I am obeying the commands of certain shadows who, ever since these letters first appeared in the *Mail and Empire*, have written over vague signatures asking that such letters be gathered together and presented in the form of a book. I am now presenting them in such a form. I am hoping that you will care to read them. Their only recommendation is that they recite (in a more or less fragmentary manner, I fear), the principal movements of the great pageant of the Queen's Jubilee, an event, the most dignified and tender of the century. The letters have been little if at all altered. They are newspaper writings, which were set down with a hot pen while the events related were yet happening.