

PREFATORY NOTE

AT the request of the publishers and with the consent of Mr. Stopford Brooke, Chapters IX-XI have been added by Mr. George R. Carpenter of Columbia University. It is appropriate at this time to recall to the public the history of this remarkable little volume, which has, in a way, become an English classic. It was first issued by Macmillan and Company, in 1876, under the title of *A Primer of English Literature*, and won the warm approbation of Matthew Arnold, whose essay, "A Guide to English Literature" (*Mixed Essays*, pages 135-153), is a critical estimate of Mr. Brooke's method and results. In 1896 the volume was revised and in part rewritten by the author, and appeared under the title of *English Literature*. The present additions continue the history of English Literature through the period ending with the deaths of Tennyson and Browning, and include a brief sketch of American Literature.

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