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A PREFATORY WORD

By J. E. MIDDLETON

A preface is an annoying interruption between the Title-page of a book and the Text. But as this particular book has no Text, some brief comment may be expected, and suffered. Mr. McConnell believes that every man's face is funny. By mixing judiciously a small portion of exaggeration with his India Ink he can draw a portrait-sketch which will prove his contention. And in the doing of it he will make an excellent likeness.

This facility in embalming features has greatly furthered, may we say, his Undertakings. Chief amongst these has been his daily Cartoon in The Toronto News. The present volume is the best proof of the lurking suspicion that Mr. McConnell has a sense of humor. It is also, to his near associates, conclusive evidence of the incredible, that he is industrious.

What he has done to some of the eminent personages herein alphabetically depicted may seem cruel. It is only when we consider what he might have done that we catch a glimpse of the loftiness of spirit, the tolerance, the breadth of mind, the true benevolence that rise from a sympathetic and tender heart.

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