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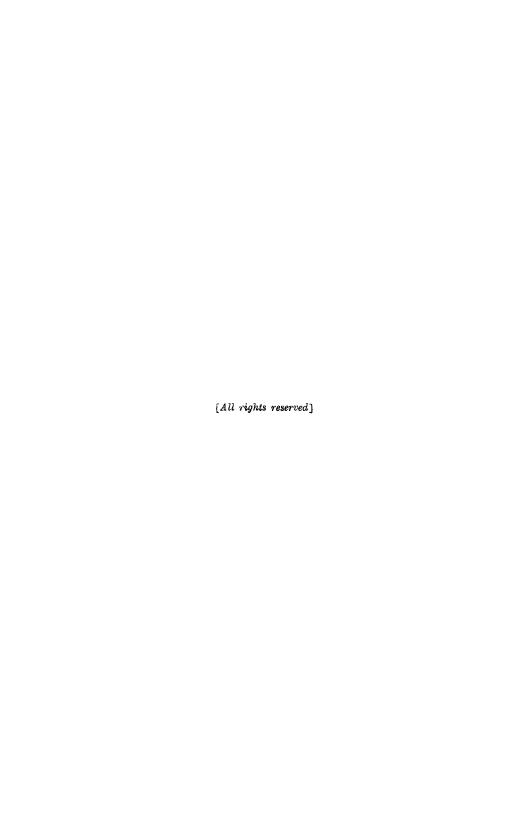
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Preface

The primary object of this book is to make a definite and authentic record of the visit of a deputation from the Eighty Club to Hungary in 1906. The members of the deputation expressed a strong desire that such a record should be made, and the book has been compiled in the hope that it will interest many other members of the Club and the Hungarian friends who have already expressed a sympathetic wish to see it.

English books about Hungary are not sufficiently numerous to make an apology necessary for publishing another which is written, at any rate, from personal observation, and describes the natural and social features of the country from an unusual standpoint.

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One more remark seems needed. Should the tone of these pages seem to any reader too lavish of gratitude for Hungarian hospitality, it must be understood that the vivid impressions made on those who shared in this visit were such that no record of the proceedings could be truthful without reflecting the strong cordial feelings which, experienced then, are here expressed again.

This book is issued by the members of the Deputation to Hungary with the sanction of the Club. But it must be understood that no responsibility is accepted by members of the Club for the views therein expressed.

R. C. Hawkin, Secretary.

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Appeal—Szózat.

By M. Vörösmarty.

O MAGYAR, by thy native land With faithful heart abide! Thy cradle first, thy grave at last, It nurs'd thee, and shall hide.

For thee the spacious world affords As home no other spot, Here must thou live and here must die, Be weal or woe thy lot.

Upon this soil thy fathers' blood Flow'd to redeem thy claims, Upon this soil ten centuries Engrave immortal names.

Here struggled Árpád's gallant crew To win our fatherland, And here the yoke of slavery Was snapt by Hunyad's hand.

Here freedom's banner, dyed with blood, Shone proudly from afar, Here fell the bravest of our brave In long protracted war.

It cannot be that all in vain Have countless tears been shed; Or vainly for the fatherland Unnumbered hearts have bled.

O Magyar, for thy country play A firm and faithful part; She gives thee strength, and if thou fall She hides thee in her heart.

The spacious world doth offer thee For home no other spot; Here must thou live, and here must die, Be weal or woe thy lot,



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