

PREFACE

It is not without some misgiving that I have undertaken to edit the collected writings of Aleister Crowley. The task has been no easy one. His numerous references to the obscurer bypaths of classical mythology, and his not less frequent allusions to the works of Qabalistic writers, have demanded much elucidation. In making the explanation—

Owing to the delay in the issue of this volume, we have decided to extend the time of competition until the 31st of October 1905. We hope to issue Vol. II., completing the Works, so far as they are necessary to the competition, in July at the latest, at the price of Five Shillings net.

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ings. When he came to man's estate he not unnaturally revolted: and the result has been, as in many such cases, that his search for the truth has led him to investigate the religious beliefs of many nations; nor have those investigations tended to lessen the gulf which separates him from the orthodox point of view.

The edition is authorised, and, as such, complete: therein are contained all the important works of Aleister Crowley.

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