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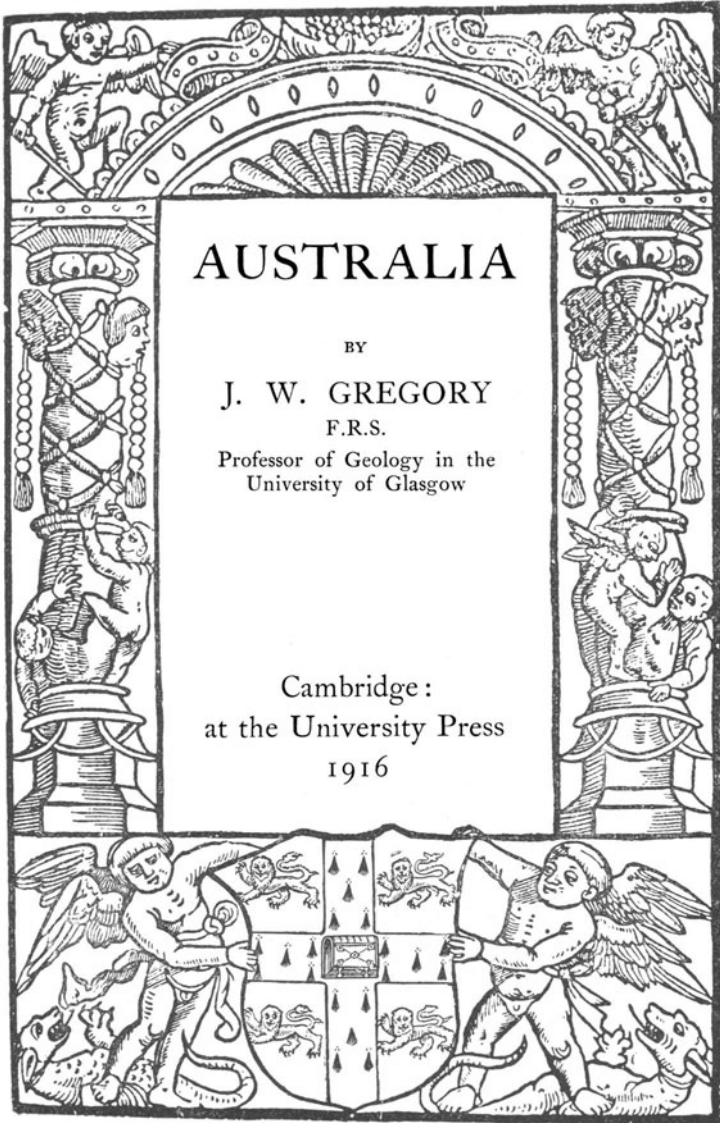
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## PREFACE

THE manuscript of this book was completed on the way home from my fourth visit to Australia in 1914. Its publication has been delayed by the War in which Australia has joined so nobly, and her forces have fought so heroically and successfully. The statistics quoted are not now the latest available, but it has not seemed advisable to alter them since they illustrate the normal conditions of Australia better than those of the last three years.

J. W. G.

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