

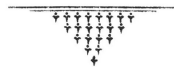


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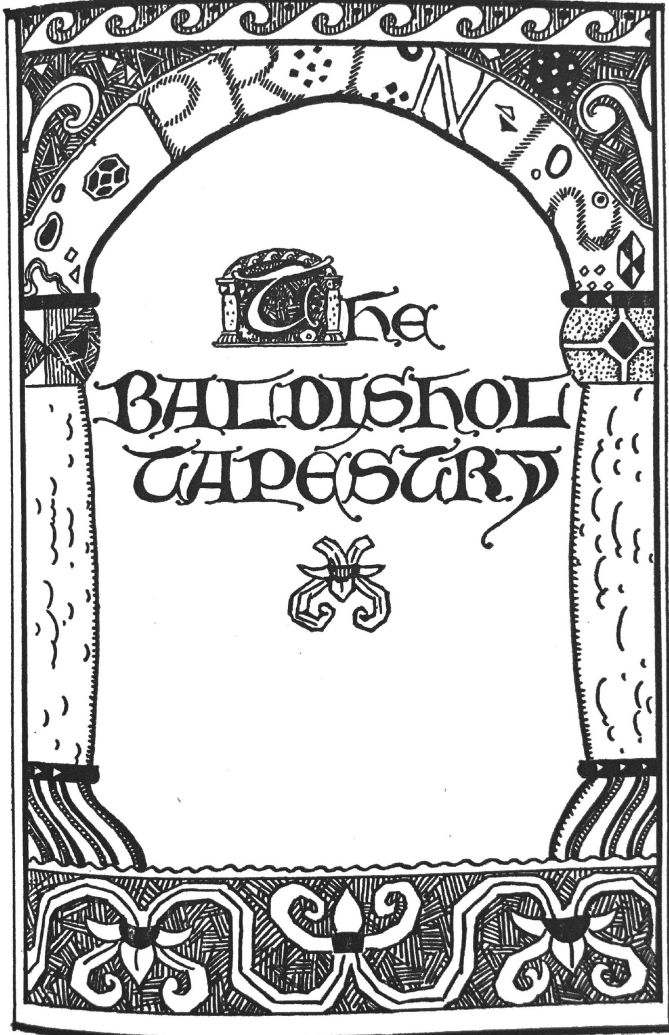
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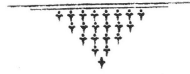


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Foreword

N June, 1925, Americans of Norwegian blood celebrated in the Twin Cities the centenary of the first coming to this country of immigrants from Norway. They passed in review the achievements of men and women of Norwegian stock in the building of the nation, and they gave evidence in a striking and memorable way of their pride in those achievements and in the men and women by whom they have been wrought. They were gratified that this anniversary, so rich in heroic memories, should be honored by the presence of the President of the United States and his wife; and the women most closely associated with the celebration have decided that some fitting memorial of that visit should be placed permanently in the White House. They have felt that no memorial could be more in keeping with the spirit of the centennial than a copy wrought with exquisite care and workmanship of the famous old Baldishol tapestry from the last years of the twelfth century. They have chosen this because it embodies in a form of rare beauty and interest the evidence of the ancient civilization from which they have come and the great inheritance they have brought with them into American life. Americans of other stocks, not least those whose roots go deep into the soil of England, will not fail to understand the spirit in which the gift is made: reverence and respect for the past, a confidence in the future that is born of these, and the conviction that the richest offering they can make to their country is that sense of beauty, of form, of perfection of workmanship, of which the Baldishol tapestry gives such moving testimony in the Norway of the Middle Age

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