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PREFACE.

THIS book, containing ninety-two essays on a variety of subjects, chiefly social and literary, is published for the Matriculation candidates and boys in general ; it is intended to be of use to them in the preparation of English studies for the Matriculation Examination. Every essay contains easy allusions to men of genius and their works, and, such as it is, is revised with care, both as to matter and style, the object being to make the matter valuable and interesting, and the style simple and natural and correct. It is hoped the book will meet with fair opinions and criticism, and that if Indian boys learn anything from it, it will be only good.

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