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**TO THE
MEMORY OF MY MOTHER**

PREFACE

IN common with my fellows in the teaching profession, it has been my duty to endeavor in simplest terms to answer certain inquiries, to the end that inquiring minds might gain some approach to what are really the greatest problems in the student life.

If these efforts help some one to a footing on the pathway that leads to more serious effort and stimulate a desire for further inquiry, we are content.

"I have no quarrel with theology; I know none to quarrel with. What is beyond life's spectrum is a mystery to me. I do not know much of the ultra red or ultra violet either, except that there is power and force and wisdom existing there. But the play of colors between, with its high lights and its dark lines, I do know a little of, and I love it—just as I love our ocean down here, with its depths, its strength and its dangers, its colors and moods, its icy mountains, its trackless wastes, and yet withal its snug harbors and sheltering islands and warm land breezes."

Grenfell.

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*"When that which is perfect is come that
which is in part shall be done away."*

—Paul.