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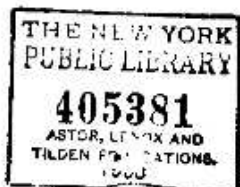
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“ Ask the rush if it suspects  
Whence and how the stream which floats it had a rise,  
and where and how  
Falls or flows on still! What answer makes the rush  
except that now  
Certainly it floats and is; and, no less certain than itself,  
is the everywhere external stream that now through  
shoal and shelf  
Floats it onward, leaves it—may be—wrecked at last; or  
lands on shore  
There to root again and grow and flourish stable ever-  
more.”  
—BROWNING.

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"The logic of the situation is inexorable:—If there is a God, all things must reveal Him, and all right activities and forms of Life must flow from and disclose His presence. To seize this Great Truth is to gain the fundamental religious conception of the Universe, and of the Life of Man in it."

HAMILTON WRIGHT MARIE.

"Life is probation, and the Earth no Goal  
But Starting-Point of Man!"

BROWNING.



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Like hounded slaves, upon the nether shore  
We feared the baying pack, but dreaded more  
The darksome passage,—till the way shone clear  
And He walked with us, Who had passed before.

CHAPTER I  
THE RIDDLE OF LIFE