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PREFACE

WE HAVE tried vainly to classify these essays. They will follow no order, progress by no logical development of thought, because they were written each in its time and place, at a moment of irony, or anger, or delight, or illumination. And yet we believe that this book has unity. It contains a view of literature and life which is sincere and perfectly definite. Although the product of several minds, it represents but a single philosophy of good writing and practicable art. It is a literary program in parcels instead of in bulk.

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