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INTRODUCTION.

THIS little Book speaks for itself and hardly needs an introduction, and yet it may not seem unsuitable that one who has been interested in its compilation should say a few words about its purpose and idea.

Some books are teachers, and come to us with systematic and well ordered truth; other books are friends and bring to us suggestions. We recognize at once the difference between the teacher and the friend. The two characters may be united in one man and yet they are separate when in our thought. We value the teacher for his truth; we value the friend for his personality.

The books which come to us as friends have something which is almost personality for us,

We almost know their faces—we have almost heard the sound of their voices and felt the pressure of their hands.

And the most notable quality of such books is their suggestiveness. They bring their thought and give it to us not as men bring their treasures to a warehouse, laying them down there upon the floor as on a foreign, unrelated substance, but as you bring the spark of fire to a pile of wood which has within itself the power of burning and turning into fire. It is not the fullness of their hands which makes them welcome. It is the delicacy and discrimination of the finger which they lay upon some spring in us and set some of our nature free.

This book, I fancy, aspires to be the friend of men and women, and so it must be judged by its suggestiveness. If it does what it hopes to do, it will show that it has the qualities which belong to all suggestive men and things; it will illustrate anew the essential nature of suggestiveness which is always interesting.