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TO THE

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IN GRATEFUL AND AFFECTIONATE REVERENCE

I OFFER

This Essay.

P R E F A C E.

THE following Essay was written in the Long Vacation of 1868, as an exercise for the Hulsean Prize in the University of Cambridge, adjudged to it in the Easter Term of the present year. It is now printed, with the exception of verbal alterations, just as it then was written; partly by reason that new duties leave me little leisure to expand it to anything like completeness; partly too because I venture to hope that even within these narrow limits I may have succeeded in stating at least the principles that guide us to the solution of one of the most pressing questions of the day, even if I have not found myself space to examine their working in greater detail. The present and immediate importance of the subject with which I have here been trying to deal, cannot be doubted.