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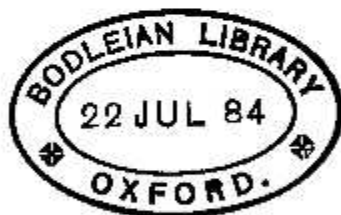
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**A**LLOW me to introduce myself to the reader.

My name is Lucius Anstruther, a Catholic gentleman, of middle age, and of an ancient lineage in the north of England.

My tastes are æsthetic, my judgment sound, my manners courteous, I am even given to understand, somewhat imposing. As I was never handsome, age has naturally not improved my appearance. I value