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PREFACE.

As I have written an Introduction to account for the appearance of this book, I have nothing further to say on that subject.

I have only to discharge here the pleasant duty of expressing my thanks to the many friends who have helped me in various ways and degrees by kindly counsel and friendly remonstrance. Their names are Dr. V. BALL, Rev. M. H. CLOSE, Rev. Dr. CROSSKEY, Prof. G. F. FITZGERALD, Prof. C. LAPWORTH, Sir J. LUB-BOCK, Mr. A. RAMBAUT, Prof. W. SOLLAS, and Mr. L. STEELE.

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