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PREFACE

THE aim of the following pages is to be of service to ordinarily thoughtful persons who are interested in reflecting upon morality. I do not believe in casuistry as a guide to conduct; but I hope that suggestions drawn from moral philosophy may here and there throw light upon perplexities due to unchallenged assumptions which are not true. Must a man be selfish, for instance, because he does not "live for others"? Can morality be hostile to beauty, or *vice versa*? Is it true that retributive punishment is a mere survival of vindictiveness? If evil is real, does that make it certain that the universe cannot be perfect? Have we any right to be stupid? On difficulties of this kind

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I thought that some suggestions might be helpful. And if I was wrong, there is no great harm done.

A chapter on Conscientious Objections has been added in the second impression.

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