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FOREWORD

THE journalist's ancestor is Diogenes. For the journalist goes through life, lantern in hand, seeking out a great man. He believes that he will find great men more easily by taking up his post on the steps of the Hall of Fame than by crouching in his tub. So he wanders ceaselessly about the temple at the hours of ceremony, contemplating the illustrious personages who crowd thither in great throngs, striving to single out in the noble mob a man whose stature is greater or whose character is finer than the rest. Often the journalist thinks he sees a great man and seizes his pen to describe him. Often the journalist is wrong; but at least he leaves behind him portraits in the making of which he has put all his good faith.

For with all his faults the journalist has one virtue the politician has not—he is sincere. If he is not always exempt from human passions in his judgment of men and affairs, he is, on the other hand, almost always exempt

