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PREFACE

Having been asked to sanction the re-publication of the two addresses contained in this little volume, I have cheerfully consented to their being printed together, as in one sense, though delivered with an interval of many years between them, they form a connected whole. The first deals with the cultivation of the imagination, the second with its use in study and in life. Of course, however, they overlap; and in the first address, as in the second, I discuss the use of imagination in many spheres of life.

The theories in both will be found to be absolutely identical, but the form and style are very different. The address to the students of the Liverpool Institute is essentially a speech, rough and rhetorical, and redolent of

a more or less ex tempore treatment; and I have not found it possible, or indeed desirable, to reduce it to essay form. The fervour of my convictions on the immense value of the development of the imaginative faculty affected the style, and must be the apology for its imperfections.

In my Rectorial address, on the other hand, I was bound to observe a more academic tone, and, while following out a cognate line of thought, I attempted to give it a somewhat more scientific and elaborate treatment. But allowance being made for the difference in the occasions, and in the audiences which called forth those two addresses, I hope the reader may nevertheless find in them an identity of feeling reflecting my most earnest desire to promote the cultivation of one side of our human faculties, the neglect of which I consider would be most harmful both in social and national respects.

G. J. G.

April 1893.

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