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Then Hermes, looking at Marcus, said—'And to you, Verus, what seemed the noblest end of life?' Quietly and gravely he replied, 'The imitation of God.'

JULIAN, *Cæsar*.

'Life is more like wrestling than dancing.'

M. ANTONINUS, vii. 61.



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PREFACE

IN 1898 I published an English rendering of the Twelve Books of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus *To Himself*, prefacing it with an Introductory Study of Stoicism, and of the inner life and thoughts of the Emperor himself. In the present volume, intended for the reader rather than the student, I have revised and in some measure simplified the translation, and in the Introduction have set down only what seemed essential for intelligent understanding of the Thoughts. For fuller treatment and explanation I may refer to the larger volume. Since its publication it has been a surprise and delight to me to realise the number and variety of those who find support and companionship in these soliloquies of the great Emperor. 'Being dead he yet