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#### PREFACE

THE request for the publication of this Address is so general that I trust it may prove on reflection to be not unworthy of its great theme. I have ventured to publish the whole of the manuscript, of which about two-thirds was delivered.

My thanks are due to the editors of the Lancet and of the British Medical Journal for their excellent reports, of which I have ventured to avail myself. I am indebted also for valuable information to the columns of these and other professional journals of various dates, and finally to Dr. Squire Sprigge for his book on Medicine and the Public (Heinemann, 1905), which indeed was published after the date of my Address at King's College, but is based upon his thesis for the degree of M.D. at Cambridge, of which I had official cognisance.

As these sheets are finished for the press, we are all bereaved of a leader in University and State education, and of a great personal teacher; not a few of us of a dear friend. I have now learned that Sir Richard Jebb addressed the British

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Association in South Africa on the subject which was occupying our thoughts about the same time at King's College. If my argument, however imperfectly, be in concord with his (I have not yet seen his Address even in abstract) I shall be grateful,—grateful to be a humble servant in a cause in which he was so illustrious a master. Had he lived he would have read my words with indulgence; I dare not dedicate so slight an offering to his memory.

T. C. A.

CAMBRIDGE, December 11, 1905.

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