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PREFACE.

THESE occasional productions extend over the long term of thirty-six years: years eminently anxious, prolific, and changeful.

No attempt has been made to bring compositions, suggested in various degrees by the time as well as by the subject, into the precise forms of thought or expression, which at this date I might have been inclined to choose for them. Such an effort, in impairing their identity, would abate the limited interest or value which can alone belong to them.

Any changes made have been as follows:—

1. Corrections of typographical errors.
2. Verbal amendments, with a view to simplicity and clearness.
3. Substitutions, in a very few instances, of phrases which juster taste might at the time have suggested; without any alteration of the thought.
4. Cases, also very rare, in which on any special ground it seemed right to specify a change, smaller or greater, in opinion.

These last cases alone are of any even the smallest

importance; and, that the reader may clearly perceive them, they are dealt with in Notes, and the date of 1878 is attached.

Essays of a controversial kind, whether in politics or religion, and classical essays, are not included in the collection.

W. E. G.

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