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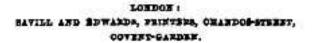
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THIS Essay began with a definition of Human Happiness as "a state of constant adaptation of action to right intention."

Its next step was to elicit from every various description of human life one comprehensive idea, generally inclusive of every right intention in it; namely—" the recovery of a lost conformity with the will of God;" that which has been called the leading idea of revelation, the reclamation of the divine nature.

Such appeared to be the one true purpose of every phase of this probationary state of existence on earth—capable of prosecution by a fallen nature only with higher aid and successful in its issue solely by a miracle of divine redemption.

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INTRODUCTION.

The next step was an investigation of trustworthy tests of a lively prosecution of this one true intention, by any individual man, which appeared to consist in outward signs of constant progress in that practical renewal of the divine character in his life which is sought to be consummated.

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Of these, the diligent use of appointed means of progress, the apparent conquest of evil habits, the devotion of self to the welfare of others, and the laborious discharge of ordinary dutics, seemed to be some of the most trustworthy.

The design of the Sequel, of which this Second Essay is the commencement, is to trace, through each condition of human life, the means by which this progress may be achieved; that is, the actions in each which may be adapted to the one right intention of all, and in the adaptation of which consists man's happiness. In fact, we have now, with the warp of life before us, to trace the woof of its daily detail, by which its whole design may be wrought out.

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CHAPTER I.

THE MEANS OF PURSUING LIFE'S GENERAL INTENTION CONSIST IN EVERY POSSIBLE DETAIL OF ITS PROPER OCCUPATIONS.

THEOUGHOUT this Essay we must be supposed to be considering the circumstances of a man's adult and vigorous life—not that of childhood, nor of infirmity, nor of old age, but that in which the business is neither of preparation and education, nor of retirement and repose, but of full action. We will contemplate man neither as buckling on, nor as putting off, the armour of life, but as in the midst of its campaign.

The materials for his enterprise are ob-