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EDITOR'S NOTE

THIS book is formed of fragments broken off here and there from a few of the letters in a large sequence written very long ago. Parts of it contain matter of permanent interest. Readers are advised to pass over the earlier pages, regarding these as merely the entrance into the intercourse afterwards reached—unless, indeed, anyone may feel disposed to linger a moment to join with the septuagenarian Editor in a smile at the young Professor's enthusiastic expectations of his pupil's future in literature, expectations destined—such is the irony of history—never to be fulfilled.

And yet (*Jedoch*), if E. D. himself wrought good and honest work in literature and in life, all through, up to the ending of his three score years and ten—*that*—which is fact verifiable—is enough.

E. D. D.

March 1914

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