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INTRODUCTION

COUNT LEO NIKOLAEVITCH TOLSTOY was born in the early autumn of the year 1828 at Yasnaya Polyana, near Moscow. His parents both belonged to the Russian aristocracy. His father had been in the army. His childhood was not altogether happy on account of his extremely sensitive and passionate temperament. He was an idealist even in his youth. Even then he had a great longing for God, and he appears even then to have studied some of the greatest problems of life and thought. At a very early age he was a student at the university of Kazan, and afterwards he was a student in the university of St Petersburg. In the year 1851 he was for a time an officer in the Caucasus, and he was greatly delighted with the mountains of that district, and was profoundly and permanently impressed by them. He remained in the Caucasus till the year 1853. In the