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PREFACE

The subject of this work has for a number of years had in process of preparation a history of his life and work. It has not been his intention to publish it, his sole purpose being to record the events of his life for the benefit of his family and friends. Recently he permitted the publishers to read this autobiographical sketch, and in view of the prominence he has attained, we urged him to give, to the youth and young men of the country, this life-story, and with much hesitation he finally assented to such publication, and we here give it in his own words, with the belief that it may prove of very material benefit to many of the young men of the world, relating, as it does, his boyhood inspirations, struggles as a young man, contentions against many vicissitudes, his persistent dedication of himself to a fixed purpose, his final triumphs, and the acceptance of the results he has attained by the scientific and industrial world.

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DEDICATION

To Ambitious Youth everywhere, particularly those who need a realization of their own mental and physical ability, as well as a proper conception of the world's appreciation of accomplishment, to inspire them to their greatest efforts to win success, this modest work is dedicated. Should it be the inspiration that arouses one life and awakens it to its own possibilities guiding one to devote his life and efforts as a leader in the world's work, the object of its publication will have been effected.