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## PREFACE.

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THE following Lectures, published by request, will not, I trust, be regarded by any, as pretending to the rank of Literary Productions. For, not to mention their many imperfections, the very large proportion of quotation which they embody must of itself preclude any such pretension; and with it, I trust, this consideration will likewise preclude all criticism of them as such. Nor as a biography of Macaulay in any sense adequate, do they claim to be regarded: nothing but alteration far more complete than I could bestow upon them, could have rendered such a claim at all possible for them. I have therefore thought it undesirable, even for the sake of incorporating more recent and accurate information, to alter them materially from the form in which they were originally written. They only are, and only claim to be, two hastily-written Lectures on an interesting subject.

As a general sketch, however, deriving whatever of interest it possesses from the object it seeks to pourtray, and the circumstances under which it was produced, I have thought them not unworthy of re-production in their present form. If in this I am mistaken, my error must, I fear, partly be laid at the door of a too kind and favourably-disposed audience.

The information embodied in this volume is of such a character that I have not thought it necessary everywhere to refer to the sources of it. I may as well, therefore, acknowledge here, my obligations in this respect more especially to a small fragmentary volume relating to Macaulay, published, without an author's name, at the commencement of the present year. From "Knight's Encyclopædia," from the brief notice in the columns of the "Times," from some co-temporary publications, from Macaulay's published works, and from my own reminiscences of isolated facts, my information has been otherwise mostly derived.

I will not, however, further prolong these prefatory remarks; but conclude them with the hope that time and distance may not have weakened mutual regard, but that I am sending forth this little volume to a circle of readers not less friendly and kindly disposed than that audience to whom in the first instance I had the pleasure of addressing its contents.

*Ashfield Lodge, Cootehill, Ireland,  
September 24th, 1860.*



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LECTURE I.

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THE century we live in is, or appears to us to be, in many respects, a very extraordinary century. What changes has this world,—what changes has this England of our's witnessed and undergone during these last sixty years since it began! What discoveries have been made,—what improvements have been effected,—what grand results attempted and achieved! In morality,—in manners,—in laws,—in literature,—in the arts of war no less than in the arts of peace,—what advances have been made since the dawning of this nineteenth century upon us,—or rather speaking for most of us, I should say on our fathers and grand-fathers; for I suppose there are few if any persons here present this evening old enough ever to have possessed, or at all events still to retain any very vivid recollections of the world in the year 1800:—to remember the days