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PREFACE

THE following Essays are reprints of recent articles written by the Author, and published in various magazines. They are intended to show, in a concise form, that all, or nearly all, the phenomena of human conduct can be rationally explained by means of the chief principles of science without the help of unproved statements of any kind. The principles are the well-known ones of universal causation, universal motion, continuity of motion, etc., all of which are based upon reliable experiments.

The fundamental ideas pervading these Essays are: that all things, mankind included, are moved and governed by the incessant and indestructible motion which pervades all bodies and all space, and which acts according to invariable laws; that weaker powers are governed by stronger ones; and that men must submit to all powers

greater than their own. This motion is the basis of our conduct. We know nothing of its "first cause"; we cannot create it, but only accept it from bodies around us, and react upon them to an equivalent extent. It can also be stored up in our tissues, and liberated by acts of volition, much like the liberation of the stored-up energy of gunpowder by means of a spark.

The welfare of the universe takes precedence of all things. Thus, while we are usually only willing to work or to suffer in order to gain pleasure, we are incessantly compelled by universal energy, acting through our environments, to do that which is good for the cosmos, whether it is painful or pleasant to ourselves. That human pleasure, and even human life, is of infinitely smaller importance than the welfare of the universe, is proved by the fact that the lives of multitudes of human beings are sacrificed annually by great terrestrial catastrophes and influences, and by a host of diseases, insanity, accidents, etc., which we cannot avoid or prevent. Owing to our extreme weakness in comparison with the immense power of nature, we are

compelled to endure all "the ills of life"; and in consequence of our very limited knowledge we are led to believe a multitude of errors and to suffer great pain and misery through our mistakes. The true scientific explanation of the immense amount of untruth, error, pain, and misery around us, and of the "great mystery of sin and evil," is the fact that surrounding bodies are compelled to act upon and influence us as they do in consequence of their natural properties and of our own. Thus fire must burn us, and frost must freeze us, whether we are willing or not.

Numberless impressions are made by our environments upon our nervous system every instant; but the great majority of them are so feeble that we do not notice them. Nevertheless, many are sufficiently strong and permanent to subsequently liberate stored-up energy in our tissues, and produce dreams, thoughts, and actions; and in this way they largely govern our conduct and form our character without our noticing it. Many of these feeble impressions, both true and false ones, become stronger, and are indelibly fixed in our brains by automatic