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TO
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BIOGRAPHY is, in its very name, the literature of life. And since the noblest life on earth is always human life, the literature which deals with human life must always be the noblest literature. And since the individual human life must always have a distinctness and interest which cannot belong to any of the groups of human lives, biography must always have a charm which no other kind of history can rival.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

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I BELIEVE fully that the intrinsic life of any human being is so interesting that if it can be simply and sympathetically put in words it will be legitimately interesting to other men. Have you never noticed how anybody, boy or man, who talks to you about himself compels your attention? I say "who talks about himself." I mean, of course, his true self. Be sure of this, that there is not one of us living today so simple and monotonous a life that, if he be true and natural, his life faithfully written would not be worthy of men's eyes and hold men's hearts.

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