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PREFACE

THE following chapters are based on lectures delivered for the St. Andrews Provincial Committee and otherwise, and it may be well to say that most of my criticisms on the German educational system were published in an address to the Secondary Education Congress on 17th May, 1913. They are not, therefore, unduly influenced by the present war. I have thought it best to retain the lecture form.

This little book is an inadequate tribute to the memory of my pupils who have fallen. I know at least that it expresses some things which they felt strongly. The names which I have printed in the dedication represent only a single department of one small university. Pericles said truly *τὴν νεότητα ἐκ τῆς πόλεως ἀνηρῆσθαι ὡσπερ τὸ ἕαρ ἐκ τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ εἰ ἐξαιρεθείη.*

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