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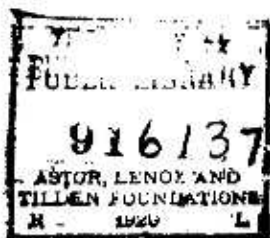
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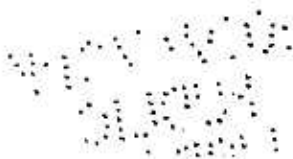
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To
MY MOTHER
In Grateful Memory and Sacred Hope

PREFATORY NOTE

THE author offers no apology for the publication of this book. The subject is indeed well-worn, and there is much plausibility in the aphorism that "nothing new has been said *for* immortality since Plato, and nothing new *against* it since Epicurus." Yet this is not to be taken too literally. Our newer knowledge has deprived many ancient arguments of the prestige which they once enjoyed, and has, at the same time, opened up fresh paths of reflection and suggested the lines along which the thoughts of coming generations are likely to run. Moreover, the world in our day is shaking and the hearts of men are failing them for fear. Everyone is bound to say what he can on behalf of a belief that cannot but steady and reassure the human soul amid the perils that now beset it.

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