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## PREFACE.

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I BEGAN these notes some years ago, before the pleasant rush of recent autobiographical literature had fairly set in. The work is somewhat autobiographical, but not a biography; I have gone as little as might be into merely personal details, which in my own case, except to a few, might prove extremely uninteresting, but have gathered up some of my impressions and experiences. Intending to make it a home work, I have excluded various chapters on foreign travel in various parts of France, Italy, Denmark, Germany, and Spain. I believe that any book that seeks honestly and fairly to set forth a personal experience may hope to have some measure of use and interest. One of my fair friends has informed me, in the dialect of the day, that I have hardly been "in the swim;" which is true enough, but, at the



same time, I have been in a position to see a great deal of the swimming. I believe that no one is more aware than myself of the imperfections of this work, and of the life which the work in some measure chronicles; but on these last I do not dwell. No man would care to live his life over again, even in a narrative. I venture to quote the consoling words of Archbishop Trench, in one of his letters: "After all, the unity and continuity of life must lie in the inward and spiritual life, and not in the outward; and it must be ours to watch that the breaks and disarrangements of the latter bring in no confusion or interruption in the former. For of this I am sure, that they need not; though my own experience has told me that they often do; but this is our own fault."

F. A.

ST. GEORGE'S CLUB, W.,  
*September 10th, 1889.*

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