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INTRODUCTION

THE following pages want some apology. They are autobiographical in a degree not corresponding with my intention nor justified by the eventfulness, the adventurousness, the narrative importance of my life. Yet, as the editors of this book kindly suggested, they may have a value and an interesting quality, by showing how private events brought me to my present attitude and convictions. I tell these individual particulars reluctantly, for what really is of worth and value is only their general significance. Things personal are bound to vanish, and the less attention we pay them the better, and in telling this story I beg to observe that I do not think my facts important in themselves but only instructive in showing the influence that outward and personal events exist on our inward struggle for light, for freedom, and for universality.

