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of Memory; birth but a sleep
in the oblivion of the Past."*

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INTRODUCTION.

We are nearing the close of the Nineteenth Century, and the spirit of unrest is in the air. Turn whichever way you will, the old foundations are being broken up, and the ancient monuments overturned. There was a period, within the memory of those still living, when causes now active seemed inoperative, and things now investigated and exploded were regarded as sacred, and it was sacrilege to question, much more to interfere with them. "Things settled by long use," as Bacon once said, "if not absolutely good, at least fit well together." Society, and even human thought, are