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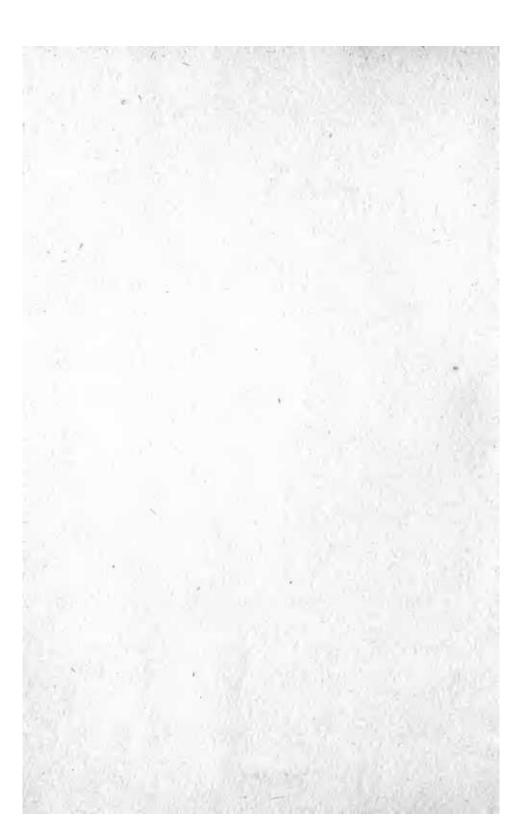
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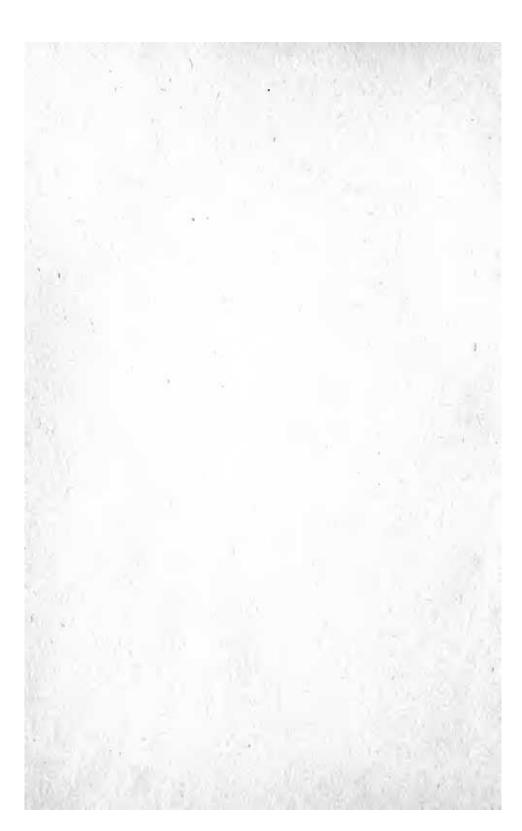
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### PREFACE

In these essays I have had several reasons for trying to avoid the controversial method. It seems to me least effective for conveying ideas. Instead of opening the doors of the mind, it often leaves them more tightly closed. Most of us, I believe, agree far more than we stop to realize. We have been misled by our habit of looking for differences. We have developed an exaggerated faith in assertion and force. By disputing we waste energy and time, we misunderstand and we misinterpret and, what is worse, we dispel good-will. I have followed what I like to consider a more profitable way, in spite of its being out of fashion.



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