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The volume is a testimony to the power with which the mind from whence it sprung influences other minds, and of the *nature* of that influence.

A. M.

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