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With a Foreword by
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"There is no art so difficult yet so lovely as living."
—JOHN WATSON.



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To
My Son ROY
(1899-1918)

*In whom—were he not lying in "some
corner of a foreign field"—this little
book would have found at least one
appreciative reader*

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Foreword

I WISH that this little book might be placed in the hands of every boy and young fellow throughout the Anglo-Saxon world. Here we have practical guidance in the essential secrets which lie behind and beneath all Social Reconstruction: even the fashioning of character and the nourishing of life. I once wrote to Henry Drummond inviting him to speak to my congregation in Newcastle-on-Tyne. He very graciously declined, and he did so for this very characteristic reason: "I do not know the species." Drummond knew University men, he knew them through and through; he professed he had no intimacy with the mixed congregation. Mr. Porritt knows the species when he seeks to be the friendly counsellor of boys and young men. He is not a spectator, looking upon their life from the outside. He knows it from within. His work among them, and his friendship with them, has made him familiar with their ground. He looks out of their windows, and he sees their world, and he sets the noblest ideals upon their horizon, luring them in pursuit of the better and the best. He champions an ample and symmetrical life. He opens doors on