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PREFACE.

IN presenting this small volume to the public the author wishes it to be clearly understood that it is not his intention to deal in a comprehensive manner with such an inexhaustible subject as the history of literature. Neither personal biography nor lengthy criticism is attempted in the following pages. It is rather the purpose of this work to prove that the practical events of the world

are reflected in the mirror of contemporary writings, and from such argument to gain a logical explanation for the fact that it has ever been the tendency of intellectual power to gather in clusters.

MIDDLE TEMPLE.

September, 1887.





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