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## ENCOURAGEMENT:

"Veracity, true simplicity of heart, how valuable are these always! He that speaks what is really in him, will find men to listen, though under never such impediments."—THOMAS CARLYLE.

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I am grateful to you for sending me the advance sheets of this wonderful book, for it is a wonderful book. It is an interpretative study which a man makes of himself in life's crises and in the more serious periods of his career. It has visions of truth such as are given to but few to see. It also has a vital element in every part, which grips one to the book with tremendous fixedness.

I shall be interested to know whether the thinking people of America wake up to the presence among themselves of a book of this character.

What a satisfaction it is to come into close relations with a mighty mind! Most of us human beings are fitted for only a common life. Of course "God likes common people," as it is said, "or He would not have made so many of us," but after all I am sure that he prefers the nobly uncommon, and we ourselves certainly like the uncommon and conspicuous.

CHAS. F. THWING,

*President of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.*

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I am glad that this heart experience of a Japanese is to be given to the public in America. It is suggestive, instructive and valuable in many ways. No one can read it without realizing more fully the strength of Christianity, and that its strength is in the living Christ himself, who dwells with the soul who will receive Him.

I am glad that this picture is given of the outcome of the year of work which President Clark did in Sapporo, as he helped to organize the Agricultural College there, and insisted that the Bible should be taken as the basis of the morality taught in the institution. The little band of believers whom he left there have held on through more than twenty years, almost every one of them a tower of strength in Japan.

I am glad of this tribute to the noble heart of President Seelye, of Amherst, as well as for the words (in general just) of criticism, favorable and unfavorable, upon our American Christianity, and upon foreign missions.

J. D. DAVIS,

*Of Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, and Author of "Life of Nescima,"  
October, 1895.*

TO ALL THE GOODLY SOULS  
WHO APPEAR IN THESE PAGES BY THEIR  
INITIALS AND OTHERWISE,  
AS GOD-SENT MESSENGERS TO PREPARE MY  
SOUL FOR HEAVEN,  
THIS HUMBLE DESCRIPTION OF THE  
CHIEFEST OF SINNERS  
IS MOST AFFECTIONATELY  
DEDICATED.





## NOTE.

This Book by a native Japanese, written in English by himself, from his Japanese home, will, we believe, be acceptable to a wide circle of American readers. So far as we know, it is the only book of the kind ever published in any language ; and as a vivid portraiture of a struggling soul seeking light and peace for his and his nation's salvation, it will be read with deep interest by all who desire the good of humanity. It touches upon many vital questions connected with Christian missions in "heathen" lands ; and written in autobiographical form, it has all the freshness and reality of the author's own actual experiences.

Except in a few instances when the meaning might not have been quite clear, the work is issued as written by the author. The occasional indications of a foreign idiom but enhances the reader's interest, and it was not thought best to alter these or critically correct every minor inaccurate form of expression as judged by our English usage.

