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## PREFACE

IN placing the name of Pestalozzi after those of Rousseau and Spencer, in the list of great educators, we render rightful tribute to a man of heart, a man of action, praiseworthy in both, who is not well enough known in France, where he is by turns cried down, neglected, or unduly exalted, but who, impartially judged, merits one of the chief places in the golden book of the history of education.

Was it not of him that the English Andrew Bell—who, however, did not appreciate his methods of instruction—said: “He is a man of experience, enthusiasm, and genius”? Was it not him that the German Diesterweg hailed as the “Father of the public school”?

Pestalozzi has been the direct descendant of Rousseau. J.-P. Richter, in his *Levana*, wrote in 1806: “And still Pestalozzi continues among the people the work of Rousseau.” But although the author of *Émile* has had only one descendant, even an imaginary one, Pestalozzi has brought up millions of children; and he has trained the masters no less