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TO
THOSE MANY THINKERS WHO DO NOT ASPIRE
TO EMINENCE
NOR ARE CLASSED WITH THE LEADERS
OF MEN
THIS LITTLE VOLUME
IS HUMBL Y INSCRIBED

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*' As the fishes that are taken in an evil net,
and as the birds that are caught in the snare,
so are the sons of men snared in an evil time,
when it falleth suddenly upon them.'*

ECCL. IX : 12.

APOLOGY

I am aware that 'of making many books there is no end,' and am one of those who pity their neighbours as much as themselves for the amount they are obliged to read. Nor would I thoughtlessly add to their literary diet.

I am convinced that if all books were written as this one is—from sheer compulsion—there would be an ever-diminishing number of volumes published.

It is my conscience that urges me to write, though some may be of opinion that the product of my pen, as I now offer it to the public, is in many respects uncalled-for. I have catered to no one's taste. In fact, there was no one in my mind to cater for as I wrote, all consciousness of being one of a family having gone from me.

My volume, therefore, is presented with an apology. I have merely produced what was produced in me. One thing only there was, that consciously animated me—love to my fellow man who with me is in danger. What else may have prompted me . . . who will blame me, if I frankly acknowledge myself unable to apply any name or names?

I wish my book in the hands of all who constitute the class to whom it is inscribed. This is doubtless a pardonable aspiration, but should in my case be even more than that, as I am impressed that I have a message to bear them, and that this volume contains it.

For the sake of those whom I wish to reach, without regard to personal convenience, I have chosen the English language in preference to my own for the conveyance of my thoughts.

The Author.

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