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TO

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I desire to connect this book with your name in this way, because your unselfish and vigilant help when it was passing through the press has laid me under obligations of which a sentence in the Preface is quite inadequate acknowledgment.

I am,

Yours ever,

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PREFACE

THIS book consists of the *Baird Lectures* delivered in 1887. Publication was prevented at the time by disabling illness, and afterwards by a succession of interruptions. Now, with restored health, I am able to see it through the press. For the most part the book has been printed from the MS. of the lectures, but I have tried by footnotes and occasional longer notes at the end of the chapters to bring out some points that seemed to require elucidation. The long time which had elapsed since the lectures were written made it sometimes difficult to find the authority for statements in the text. I trust that in all important matters the references suffice.

The aim has been to furnish a readable outline of the history of each subject. I am acutely conscious that in every chapter there was room for deeper research than I have been able to undertake.

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