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sentiments or the publication of this review. At the same time, it is proper to say that the members of the Association, as individuals, both those who agreed with, and those who dissented from the conclusions of the author, thought it altogether proper that the paper should be published, as a contribution towards the sober investigation of a subject which has gained such indisputable notoriety.

No further explanations seem to be demanded by a work so unpretending as the following. It is so brief that its scope and character can be more easily ascertained by reading it, than by any outline description the author might affix to it in the shape of extended preface.

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