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A Foreword

IN the course of a fairly long life I have visited many countries other than my own, but have never been tempted to write a book about any. Further, I have on occasion fallen foul of the casual globe-trotters who have the effrontery to publish their impressions of a country through which they rush at lightning speed, gleaning their superficial knowledge at tables d'hôte and in railroad trains.

I therefore undertook the setting-down of my impressions of America with great reluctance, and no sense of equipment for the task.

This record, touched by the tenderness of real affection, and informed by gratitude which can never be fully acknowledged, will, I trust, be received by those who may read it in the spirit in which it is offered.

A quiet observer, who during a period of seven months was afforded unique facilities for getting to know the American people, may have picked up some unconsidered trifles which at least may provoke reflection. These observations were necesA Foreword

sarily confined to the sections of American life to which I had access in the course of my public work.

No time was afforded for private excursions, investigations, or adventures. I regret that although I received many invitations to visit universities and colleges, the only opportunities available were two fleeting visits to Princeton and Harvard, and a morning spent with the delightful Dean of Barnard College at Columbia. I shall always feel that I must return to America to make some study of her college life, especially as it affects women.

It only remains for me to say that naught has been set down in malice in these few pages, and to assure my critics that I have brought to my task the single-mindedness and complete sincerity with which I have essayed most of the affairs of my public and private life.

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