

Despite all the imperfections inevitably attendant upon a hastily written and ill-digested series of impressions

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wherein they are set down to Lord Beaverbrook, whose statesmanlike imagination made it possible; also to all the public men, women and nameless heroes who inspired its pages, confident that they will see through those blemishes to the inner purpose, which is to second by any means within my power, however feeble or ineffectual, the war effort of the British Empire and its Allies in defence of human liberty and the principles of international right.

