

manuscript, without revision or the slightest attempt to improve them, till within a few days of their going to the press. This fact may explain, if not excuse, the more obvious imperfections. With ampler opportunity, there would have been a wiser selection, a better arrangement and perhaps less ruggedness of language. But if literary merit, even in its crudest state, is entirely lacking; then I shall not, like many others, lay the blame on adverse circumstances, but frankly admit that the highest advantages of leisure and learning—both of which were denied me—could not have availed to supply the deficiency.

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