

## *Preface*

THE writer of these essays gratefully acknowledges the kind reception given to a previous series, *The Orbit of Life*. In this book, as in the former one, he has treated different aspects of human affairs in the belief that the ethical and spiritual underlie them all, and afford the only adequate clue to their meaning. He claims no merit for standing in what he thus regards as "the coign of vantage," but will be glad if there is enough truth in his vision to be of some little service to others who, like him, not merely watch the world-drama, but have to take their place in it.