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writing or compilation it is probably the most relevant, enjoyable and instructive because it alone among the various types of history comprehends the diverse and divergent forces in interaction in human society which go to make up the human experience. It can be written only from the records of the life of those who preceded us and who were eye-witnesses and participants. The present work is a significant contribution to that account of our living tradition.

The letters indicate the same deep concern shared by the editor and this writer for the principles upon which our national and individual greatness rest. More specifically, the selection of letters from a very large collection indicates the editor's own predilection for intellectual honesty, for reverence of individual liberties and toleration, for character-building in education, for moral and humane aspirations and objectives in all dealings with one's fellow human creatures.

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