

PREFACE.

The great majority of the little papers which compose the present pamphlet are reprints from magazines. They are reproduced, not on account of their possible intrinsic worth which, at best, cannot be great, but because several of them first appeared in a garb which rendered them in places hardly intelligible. So many typographical errors disfigured them that I could not resist the temptation of trying to outdo the professional printer, even though I live far away from civilization in the backwoods of northern British Columbia. Those who may have seen the said articles in their original dress will say what measure of success I have achieved so far, at least, as typographical accuracy is concerned.

Most of those essays are of a controversial nature, which circumstance will perhaps render their perusal less fatiguing even for that mysterious personage we call the general reader.

In a few cases, I have somewhat enlarged on the original texts, and the two last papers may be said to appear for the first time.

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