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## PREFACE

THIS is the story of an interesting man who lived in an interesting and fateful time. By his contemporaries Douglas was thought to stand even-shouldered with the greatest of the men with whom he was associated. Those of the succeeding generation ranked him far below his deserts. He was in part the sport of forces that no man could control or much influence, and in part himself a force that helped to mould the destiny of the nation. The author has striven to tell the truth, and to give such interpretations as seemed necessary to help the reader to reach a just verdict concerning one of the most remarkable men whom the country has produced. It is hoped that they are free from the defect that marks so many interpretations, namely over-ingenuity.

The author's indebtedness, which is cheerfully acknowledged, will appear on almost every page.



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