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IN THIS **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**, I SHALL KEEP IN MIND THE FACT THAT I AM speaking from the grave.... I shall be dead when the book issues from the press.... It seemed to me that I could be as frank and free as in a love letter if I knew that what I was writing would be exposed to no eye until I was dead, and unaware, and indifferent.

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