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Preface

LATER Victorian Britain does not pretend to treat all the issues of the later Victorian era or to present a unified view of the age. In one way or another each contributor has stressed vital elements of the period but the various articles do not always propose identical or even necessarily consistent views. Ultimately the essays are the product of individual outlooks.

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