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A Pebble on the
T Seach
Autobiographical
Memories
of

Mr. M. Donaldson

Yours sincerely,

Just first you heard would be interesting.
another for your visit to the Parliament House, as I thought the
soon, but I was very busy and I did not wish to leave you so
friend had a letter from you and I was sorry to leave you so
service. I was glad you were well and her daughter and
it is good to hear from you and I was glad to hear from you and
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Preface.

On the surface it may seem as if there could be little or no interest in the existence of anything so common & undistinguished as a ~~mere~~ pebble on the beach. Yet such do not share in the dull uniformity of peas in a pod. Here & there may be noticed one unlike its companions with a distinctive colouring or shape: Others which have not attained the water-worn smoothness & sameness of the majority. Neither are all of the same size. Perhaps, then, these facts may excuse me, a mere pebble on the beach, for having allowed myself to be persuaded into attempting these autobiographical memoirs. For I have certainly had a very varied experience, having always had a warlike nature entirely opposed to the Victorian conventional ^{governess} of my child- & girl-hood, for I was born in 1876. I then also I have known, or had correspondence with, several distinguished people in different spheres of life, so that, in view of these facts, friends have repeatedly urged me to this effort, assuring me that the result would be of general interest. That, of course, remains to be proved, & it is not without considerable doubt & a diffidence on several counts, not least the unavoidable use of the constantly recurring "I", that I embark on the task.

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M. A. Macdonald.

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