The American edition of the Life and Letters of Thomas Henry Huxley calls for a few words by way of preface, for there existed a particular relationship between the English writer and his transatlantic readers. From the time that his Lay Sermons was published his essays found in the United States an eager audience, who appreciated above all things his directness and honesty of purpose and the unflinching spirit in which he pursued the truth. Whether or not, as some affirm, the American public “discovered” Huxley.