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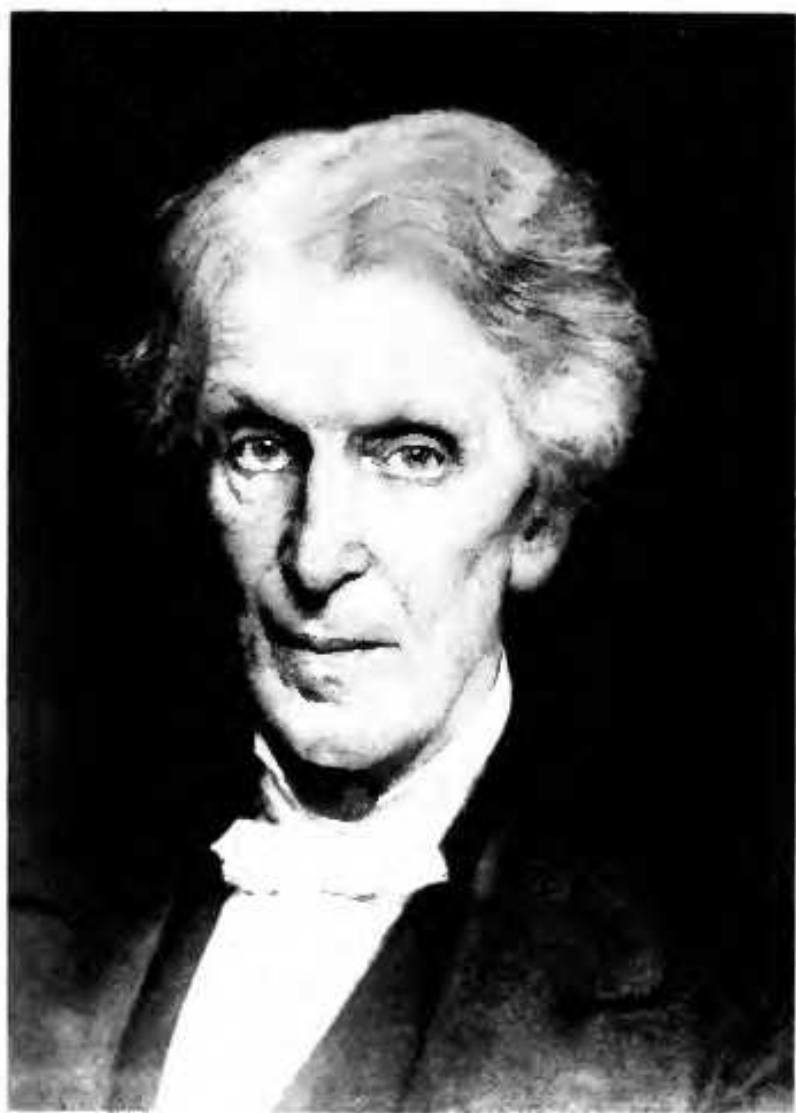
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## P R E F A C E

As this little volume is intended to deal with James Martineau principally as a great spiritual teacher and as a friend in private life, it is scarcely necessary to say very much about the merely external events of his life, though I have a good deal to say as to his personality and his conversations with me. I will give only a brief statement of such outward circumstances as helped to determine his intellectual, moral, and religious character. A very good summary of his long life may be found in an article about him in the "Dictionary of National Biography."

No doubt, my friend's French Protestant ancestry to a great extent helped to determine his moral and intellectual nature. His father was a man of fine character, but not remarkable intellectually. His mother was a woman of great force of mind. The father failed in busi-

ness about the end of his life ; and James Martineau for many years had a hard and struggling existence. His school life at Norwich was by no means happy, though he only attended the Grammar School as a day scholar. He was too delicate, refined, and sensitive to be happy in a rather rough school. Later on he went for about two years to a school in Bristol kept by Dr. Lant Carpenter, where he learnt much. He afterwards went to study the profession of an engineer in Derby ; but the mechanical work failed to satisfy him. Whilst in Derby he lived in the house of a Unitarian minister named Higginson, whose daughter he afterwards married. The marriage was an extremely happy one. Mrs. Martineau died of a distressing brain disease in 1877.

Having determined to change his intended profession and to become a minister of religion, Martineau went to study at Manchester New College, a Unitarian institution then established in York. Here he remained for about five years and gained much knowledge. Here also he formed a quite romantic friendship with another student named Francis Darbishire.

Harriet Martineau was rather older than her brother James, and influenced him greatly in his earlier years. When he was about nineteen years old, he went for a walking tour with her in the Scottish Highlands. Later on in life they quarrelled. Originally the cause of dissension appears to have been that James refused to return to his sister or to destroy the letters that she had written to him in former days; but the quarrel was finally rendered an irreparable one by his writing a most unfavourable review of an Atheistic book published by Harriet Martineau in conjunction with a Mr. Atkinson.

In some ways the five years spent in the College in York were a rather poor substitute for a training in a great university. They gave very little knowledge of the world. The students were too exclusively of one type. The atmosphere was one of intense respectability; and so Martineau's knowledge of human nature was not adequately enlarged.

After leaving York, this young student became for a short time a schoolmaster. He went back to Bristol and helped Dr. Carpenter in the work of his school. In the year 1828 he became