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TO HUGH McBIRNEY III, the bearer of an honored name, and the worthy scion of a goodly lineage, whose native qualities of mind and heart, under the gracious nurture Providence has accorded him and the chrism of the noble church within which his life is unfolding, already find utterance in an ideal boyhood and give promise of a high and godly manhood, this book is dedicated with tender affection and appreciation.

PREFACE

THE writer of this book, it is needless to say, loves dumb animals, and shrubs and flowers, and boys and girls also, and has that intelligence about them which love begets.

"Greyhound Fanny" tells an interesting tale about herself, now glad, now pathetic, that will hold the attention of the boys and girls who read it, as it has done for those who heard it before it saw print.

Life and variety are found in its chapters by the introduction of Fanny's friends, and she has a host of them, horses and cats, and monkeys and rats, and birds and other dogs, to say nothing of human beings. And, O, what a lot of queer stories she is able to repeat!

Mrs. Stewart exhibits skill, but lays no claim to high literary merit; her motive being simply to instill in the minds of the young the primary duty of treating the lower animals, as well as one another, with sympathy and kindness. Was the lesson ever more needed?

To write this word of introduction or commendation is not to pass in every case on the natural history here inculcated, but only to express our opinion that the work, as a whole, will make a useful and entertaining text-book for our public schools. Their privileges in these modern days make so different a picture from what some of us used to know, and which Lowell crystallized in his "charcoal portrait of the school-dame,"

*"Who 'mid the colleyed learning, firm and calm,
Patted the furloughed ferrule on her palm,
And, to our wonder, could detect at once,
Who flashed the pun, and who was downright dunce."*

JAMES M. GRAY.