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P R E F A C E .

**T**HE present volume, following that on "The Novels of Charles Dickens," published in 1897, completes the bibliographical history of the various writings of the Novelist, dating from the time when his first printed paper appeared in the Monthly Magazine, December, 1833, until "that fatal day" in June, 1870, when his prolific pen was finally laid aside, never again to delight us by its humour or affect us to tears by its pathos.

No such comprehensive and exact account of Dickens's literary productions has hitherto been attempted as that which (I venture to hope) is accomplished in this volume and

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*its predecessor. The labour involved has naturally proved exacting, for it necessitated considerable research in unfamiliar fields—an observation which more particularly applies to the present work. At least one important point has been achieved—viz., the compilation of a complete list of Dickens's ephemeral contributions to periodical literature, notably to those journals of which he himself was editor. By reason of their anonymity, the numerous articles furnished by him to Household Words can only be identified by means of internal evidence, so that a most careful perusal of the entire set of nineteen volumes became imperative before it was possible to draw up a list of the papers for which "the Chief" was ostensibly responsible. The late Mr. Charles Dickens the younger, who had recently been over the same ground, endorsed the list (thus prepared) of the writings which I attributed to his father; it may, therefore, be safely assumed that*

*every article here catalogued was written by Dickens, instances of collaboration being duly noted. With respect to All the Year Round my task was simplified owing to the fact that, by great good-fortune, I discovered in the possession of Mr. W. H. Howe an "office" set of that journal, in which had been inscribed against each article, etc., the name of the author thereof—satisfactory and conclusive proof as to its origin.*

*The identification of several papers not previously recognised as emanating from Dickens's pen was rendered feasible by the existence of the original MSS. in the Forster Collection at the South Kensington Museum. Among them will be found the autographs of a number of the Novelist's contributions to that defunct journal, The Examiner, which Forster edited during the 'forties.*

*When preparing this work I naturally availed myself of certain out-of-the-way*



*information afforded by the Dickens Bibliographies of Messrs. James Cook, R. H. Shepherd, and C. P. Johnson; while I am also much indebted to Mr. John F. Dexter's "Hints to Dickens Collectors."*

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*March, 1900.*





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