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HON. FRANCIS ORMOND.

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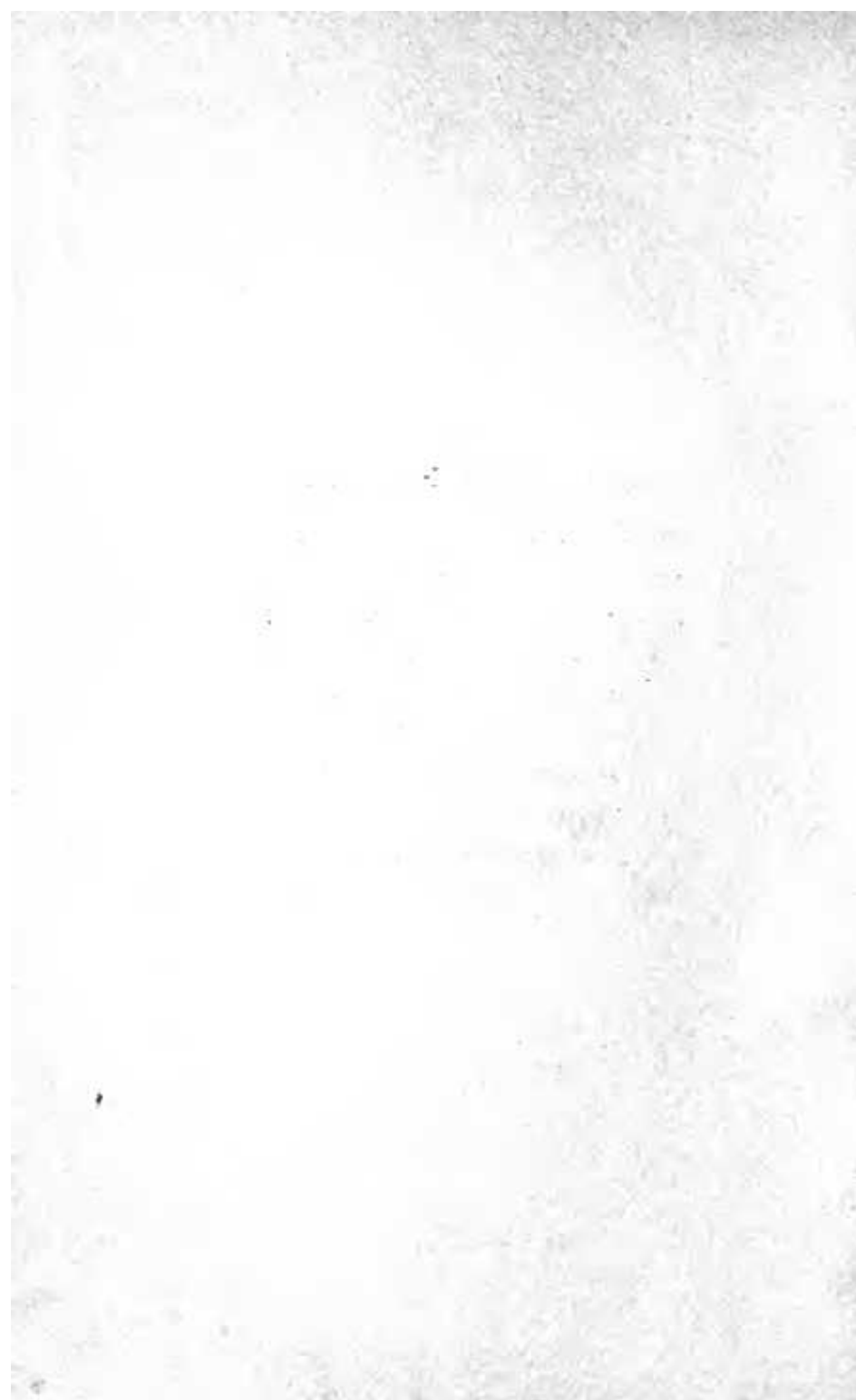
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To

MRS. FRANCIS ORMOND

WHOSE INTELLIGENT AND WARM SYMPATHY  
AND WISE CO-OPERATION WITH HER  
LATE HUSBAND CONTRIBUTED TO THE  
EXPANSION AND SUCCESS OF THE  
GREAT EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISES  
WITH WHICH HIS NAME IS  
ASSOCIATED, THIS VOLUME IS  
WITH MUCH RESPECT  
DEDICATED BY THE  
AUTHOR





## PREFACE

THOUGH many years have passed since Mr. Ormond's remains were laid to rest amid remarkable demonstrations of public grief, yet no apology, I take it, is needed for the publication of this book, which tells of the early struggles, successes, and lofty ideals of one whose name is enshrined in some of the noblest institutions of the State. With an ardent desire to promote intellectual culture and broaden the outlook of human sympathies, with a prescient eye to discern imperative national needs and to perceive how these can be best supplied, with a heart full of longing to uplift all toilers and to fling open to them doors of technical knowledge in order to the elevation of their social condition, Mr. Ormond, with unflinching and heroic fortitude and faith, set himself to the accomplishment of the great tasks by which his own mind was so strongly obsessed: and it was given to him before he passed to know of the splendid success that crowned the enterprises that lay so near his heart.

It is well, I think, that the younger generation growing up among us should very earnestly and intelligently contemplate such a life as that which is here portrayed, and endeavour to catch something of

the spirit of the man whose noble aspiration it was to "strive to make the world better for his having been born into it."

This book became possible only through the kindness of Mrs. Ormond, now of Bournemouth, England, who sent for my use in this connection all the material in her possession, consisting of newspaper cuttings, diaries, and personal reminiscences.

All the known available sources of information in the State have been exhausted, with a view to enabling me to make as accurate a presentment as possible of the life and character of our great philanthropist, who stands out in the public eye as pre-eminently a true friend of the people, one who, through the noble institutions which he founded and endowed, is exerting a salutary influence on life and thought, opinion and character, not only in our own State, but throughout the wide Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Hon. James Balfour, M.L.C., Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Finlay, Mr. F. A. Campbell, C.E., and the late Mr. Robert Gillespie, I am indebted for interesting notes which are embodied in the following pages.

C. STUART ROSS.

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