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SIR STAMFORD RAFFLES' STATUE.

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PREFACE.

The compiler and author of this book is chiefly indebted to the *Life of Sir T. Stamford Raffles* by his widow, Lady Raffles, but, he has culled from other reliable sources, to set forth the man, and those most closely associated with him, in his great and enduring work.

This has been a labour of love during a long residence, and a busy life in Malaya.

If it gives a tithe of the pleasure to its readers, which it has given to the writer, he will be amply repaid.

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CHAPTER I.

EARLY TRAINING.

THE work and worth of a truly great and good man will bear close and critical examination even after a century. Indeed, with the vision clarified by the lapse of time, the more correct perspective may be taken as, from a knowledge of subsequent events as well as a review of his time and circumstances, the objects appear in their relative series of importance, while they can be seen as a harmonious whole.

Raffles died young. He was only forty-five at his death, but what a life he lived, and what an amount of work worth doing he accomplished! Fully thirty years of his short life were spent in unremitting toil for the State, and for the Empire, of which he was a real master-builder. He was a man of many parts, who gave himself without stint to a great variety of most congenial objects—philology, geography, natural science, philosophy, religion and philanthropy. Not only the patron, but the participant, in whatever would likely increase the sum of useful knowledge and benefit humanity.

Off the harbour of Port Morant, Island of Jamaica, on board the ship "*Ann*," to the wife of