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Ever yours affectionately,  
Willie S. Cox.

# EARLY PROMOTED.

A Memoir

OF THE

REV. WILLIAM SPILLER COX, M.A.,

OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND WYCLIFFE HALL, OXFORD,

MISSIONARY TO SIERRA LEONE.

COMPILED BY HIS FATHER.

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## PREFACE.

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THIS Memoir has been compiled to meet the wish expressed by many to have some record of one who, during his short life, endeared himself to all who knew him.

It is hoped that the effort made in these pages to set forth so attractive a personality, actuated by so noble a purpose, may be helpful both as an inspiration and an example.

In the endeavour to exhibit that personality in all its aspects, his letters have been frequently introduced—letters which, with unconstrained freedom and vivid simplicity, express the thoughts and feelings of the writer in varying circumstances.

The testimony of others respecting him has also been quoted where it seemed needful.



Mr. Eugene Stock has kindly contributed a note on C.M.S. Missionaries who have gone forth from Oxford.

The title given to the volume was suggested by the thought conveyed in the following extract from a letter lately received from Bishop Taylor Smith, of Sierra Leone :—

“Bishop Thorold (then of Rochester, afterwards of Winchester), when I consulted him about my going out to Sierra Leone, said to me, ‘If you die the world will say you have made a mistake and thrown your life away ; but I will say the LORD has excused you the intermediate service and given you quick promotion ; for,’ he added, ‘this is only the beginning of service.’”

The portrait facing the title is reproduced from a photograph taken in 1896, by W. Blackall, of Oxford. All the other illustra-

tions are reproductions of photographs taken by the subject of the Memoir.

To GOD be all the glory of any good thing in His servant which may be manifested in this memorial of him.

EDWARD W. COX.

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*17th November, 1897.*

P.S., 31st October, 1898.—The issue of a Second Edition justifies the announcement that any profits resulting from the sale of this book will be given to the Church Missionary Society.

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