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PREFACE.

No attempt has hitherto been made to present in a convenient form the opinions of his Royal Highness the Prince Consort on the many important and interesting subjects with which his benevolent and active mind was unceasingly occupied. To the Society of Arts belongs the honour of having first published a collection of his public addresses, comprising, as stated in the preface, with one or two exceptions, those which bore on questions of social progress. This publication, however, necessarily contained much which was only of special application, or of a merely formal or temporary character, and having been published early in 1857, it comprises, of course, no speech delivered since that date.

The aim of the compiler of the present volume has been to collect from all the speeches and addresses delivered by his Royal Highness every passage which could stand alone, as embodying distinct thoughts, or reflections of general application, or which appeared interesting, as expressing an opinion or personal feeling of their illustrious author. His career was one rather of good deeds than many words. Its record will be best found in the ever-extending influences of his public labours; but if the occasions on which he clothed his ideas in language were few, his addresses abound in passages which Englishmen would not willingly let die. These have been carefully selected and arranged, without reference to the time at which they were spoken, with the view to give the volume, as far as the nature of the matter would allow, the varied character of a book of table-talk; and thus to present a faithful miniature of his mind.

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