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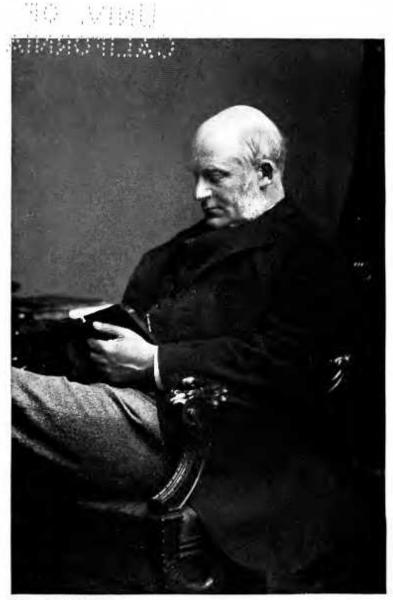


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NOTE TO READER

In the following record I have adopted the order observed by the Catholic Church in the biographies of her Saints, namely, First, the Life; Second, the Virtues, which I have interpreted as the character and its progress in Divine perfection; and Thirdly, the Miracles wrought in the power of the Spirit and exhibited in Lord Radstock's evangelistic labours.

Human personality is a great mystery. "It is not easy to understand any man in his fulness," says Professor Gilbert Murray. "Character is so complicated to begin with, and in the next place it is never finally fixed." "Any one who has tried to reconstruct a personality, however simple," writes Dr. T. R. Glover, "knows quite well—knows acutely in proportion to the pains he has given to the task—how difficult it is."

The harmony of Lord Radstock's life, characterised as it was by "abundant labour," might, I think, have been summed up by himself in the words of St. Paul, "Not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

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PART I

THE LIFE

BIOGRAPHY

THE beginning and end of all human experience, especially those of any marked personality, are always of deep interest. The characteristics of childhood and the first early impressions of spirit awakening are vital in interpreting the later life. So our estimate of Lord Radstock's career cannot be formed apart from a knowledge of his heredity and circumstances.

To quote *The Times*, "In the third Baron Radstock there has passed away an altogether exceptional man, whose career has been as remarkable as it is, to the present generation at least, unknown. In the modern world the figure of an English nobleman who, abandoning the normal interests and occupations of his class, devotes his life to missionary enterprise of the 'Revivalist' type, is an unusual, if not a unique phenomenon."

The name of Waldegrave is honourably