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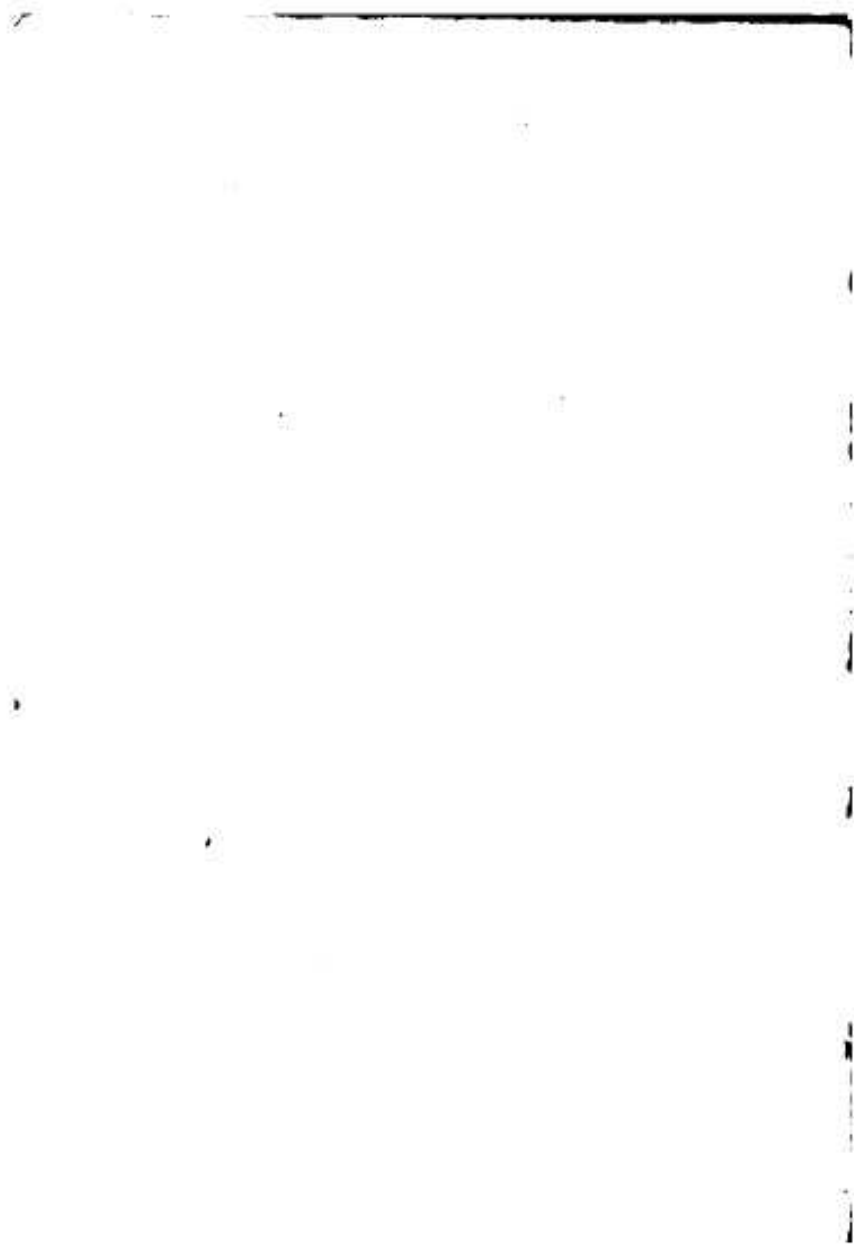
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PREFACE.

This brief Life of Browning is a miniature, not a panel portrait. Many of the qualities which a larger canvas might secure are, necessarily, lost to it; but, within the limits of a miniature, it seeks at least clearness and colour.

It would be difficult to enumerate all the books that have been gratefully consulted by the writer, since he has tried to make himself acquainted with most of what has been written of Robert Browning. The foremost debt is, naturally, owed to Mrs. Sutherland Orr, the next to the "Letters of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning." The bibliography at the end of the volume gives some idea of the chief among other obligations.

Apart from these, the writer has endeavoured to give a picture, not only of the man, but of his surroundings, and to indicate concisely, but definitely, the relation in which Browning stood to the literary movements of his time.

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But the primary object of the book is, of course, to lead the reader to the Poems themselves. We use a rushlight in the shadow; but, when once we are in the sun, we can see the world's beauty for ourselves.

A. W.

HAMPSTEAD, CHRISTMAS, 1899.

1812
 1833 Pamb
 1835 Pamb
 1837 Stuffed
 1840 Sanded
 1841 Pamb
 1866 Pamb

CHRONOLOGY.

1812

May 7. Robert Browning born. ✓

1822-26 (about)

Browning at Mr. Ready's School, Camberwell. ✓

1826

Browning studying at home under a private tutor. ✓

1830

Attended Greek lectures at London University. ✓

1833

Pauline published. Browning travelled in Russia. ✓

1834

Contributions to *Monthly Repository*, edited by W. J. Fox.

1835

Paracelsus published. The Brownings moved to Hatcham.

November 27. Browning met Macready.

December 31. Browning met Forster (at Macready's).