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PREFACE.

Few words are needed to explain the origin and contents of this volume, which is not addressed to the public, but only to those who knew and loved the subject of its pages. It contains, —

I. A Memoir of the Life of John W. Browne, by his friend, John A. Andrew.

II. A Sermon preached at the Third Congregational Church, Hingham, May 6, 1860, by Rev. Charles C. Shackford.

III. An Extract from a Sermon preached at the North Church, Salem, June 8, 1860, by Rev. Edmund B. Willson.

IV. A Resolution adopted by the New England Anti-Slavery Convention, May 31, 1860, together with an Extract from the Speech of Wendell Phillips.

V. Some Remarks concerning Mr. Browne, by his classmate, James Dana, July 18, 1860.

VI. Some Remarks concerning Mr. Browne, by his classmate, Charles Sumner.

VII. Selections from the Notices of the Life and Character of Mr. Browne, which appeared in the newspapers of the day; of which it may be permitted to mention that that signed with the initial "A." was written by Samuel P. Andrews, and that signed "*" by Dr. Walter Channing.

Several of Mr. Shackford's hearers had requested from him a copy of his discourse for publication, when, the fact becoming known, it was suggested that it might well be accompanied from the press by these other testimonials of respect for Mr. Browne's memory. The suggestion was willingly accepted, and the work of collecting and arranging these pages has been affectionately and reverently performed by

A. G. B., JR.

MEMOIR

BY

JOHN A. ANDREW.

WHEN to the common rest that crowns our days,
Called in the noon of life, the good man goes,
* * * * when our bitter tears
Stream as the eyes of those that love us close,
We think on what they were, with many fears
Lest goodness die with them and leave the coming years.

Peace to the just man's memory; let it grow
Greener with years, and blossom through the flight
Of ages; * * * let the light
Stream on his deeds of love that shunned the sight
Of all but heaven.

THE AGES.

MEMOIR.

JOHN WHITE BROWNE was born at Salem, March 29, 1810, and at the time of his death, May 1, 1860, had, therefore, recently completed his fiftieth year. He was the son of James and Lydia (Vincent) Browne, and his father was the eldest lineal descendant of Elder John Browne, the Ruling Elder of the First Church in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, whose appointment in 1660, the Reverend John Higginson made a condition of his own assumption of the clerical charge, and who is probably identical with John Browne, one of the Assistants named in the original charter of the Colony in 1628, who, with his brother Samuel, was banished in 1629 for a supposed leaning towards Episcopacy, but returned to Salem after an interval of several years, which were passed in England and Maryland.

Few persons of the rare qualities of intellect which our friend possessed by nature, and of so precious acquirements, from reading and reflection, have at the