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1855, Photograph.

1855, Feb. 20., 1856.

Joshua Fox.

See page 71.

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"This world is full of beauty,
As other worlds above;
And if we did our duty,
It might be full of love."

PHILADELPHIA:
THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY
FOR THE
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.
OFFICE No. 1320 CHESTNUT ST.
1869.

PREFACE.

THIS little compilation has been made with the desire of enhancing respect and regard for our dumb companions; the handy-work of our Creator.

The *sagacity* and *half-reasoning power* displayed by many of the higher orders of animals, should elicit our *respect*, while their fidelity and attachment, often evinced, illustrate the finer features of their character, and ought to make them objects of our compassionate *regard*.

Independently of the higher duty of mercy, thoughtfulness for the comfort of those, who cannot, in words, plead for themselves, is but repaying the debt we owe them, for being so devoted to the service of mankind.

With the evidences now often adduced *in favor* of kind treatment to horses and other animals, the collector of these records trusts she

may indulge the hope, that a brighter day has dawned upon this, so long abused portion of our heavenly Father's gifts to us, the unworthy recipients of his bounties.

The usefulness of Birds to farmers is so obvious as to need no comment here.

The birds of song who would destroy?
So full of life, of love, of joy.

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