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PREFACE

OF the pieces which are printed in this volume most have appeared in some form before; but it has been thought that it would be interesting to many to have them brought together.

The Memoir of Bernard Barton was prefixed to a collection of his Letters and Poems published in 1849, the year of his death. This is followed by notices of his death and funeral contributed by FitzGerald to the *Ipswich Journal* at the time.

Euphranor is printed from a corrected copy of the Dialogue as modified by FitzGerald from the second edition, which to his fastidious taste was disfigured by "some over-smart writing, and some clumsy wording."

The Preface to Polonius has already been reprinted in FitzGerald's Letters and Literary Remains.

On the death of his old friend, the Rev. George Crabbe, Vicar of Bredfield and son

of the poet, FitzGerald wrote a short notice of him in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for November 1857, where it ought to be no longer buried.

The Data for the life of Charles Lamb are frequently mentioned in FitzGerald's letters and are here printed from a copy annotated in his own hand. They do not profess to be exhaustive, and were only intended to serve as a guide to the readers of Lamb's Letters as they originally appeared. The notes in square brackets are added by myself.

The Introduction to Readings in Crabbe was the last work of FitzGerald's pen. The revise of the last proof was not received till after his death.

I ought perhaps to apologize for adding the humorous imitation of an Essay by Sir Arthur Helps, but it seemed too good to be lost on the fly-sheet of a volume in private hands.

The Occasional Verses, as I have explained, have been privately printed, and I do not feel that I need apologize for reproducing them.

WILLIAM ALDIS WRIGHT.

TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE,
15th July 1900.

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MEMOIR
OF
BERNARD BARTON

(From a letter of Bernard Barton's.)

“2 mo, 11, 1839.

“Thycordial approval of my brother John’s hearty wish to bring us back to the simple habits of the olden time, induces me to ask thee if I mentioned in either of my late letters the curious old papers he stumbled on in hunting through the repositories of our late excellent spinster sister? I quite forget whether I did or not; so I will not at a venture repeat all the items. But he found an inventory of the goods and chattels of our great-grandfather, John Barton of Ive-Gill, a little hamlet about five or seven miles from Carlisle; by which it seems our progenitor was one of those truly patriarchal personages, a Cumbrian statesman—living on his own little estate, and drawing from it all things needful for himself and his family. I will be bound for it my good brother was