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TO
MISS HELMORE,
IN REMEMBRANCE OF A BELOVED
Father and Brother,
THESE MEMOIRS ARE DEDICATED
BY HER AFFECTIONATE UNCLE,
FREDERICK HELMORE.

PREFACE.

It is with mingled feelings of love and deep humility that I essay the work of recording reminiscences of my late brother's life.

Right gladly would I have resigned the honour of doing so to some one more worthy of the task and more skilled in authorship.

At the same time I cannot hide from myself the fact that none knew him as I knew him from boyhood to the last.

Trusting to brotherly love to fill up other deficiencies, I have therefore ventured upon writing this memoir to supply a tolerably full account of my brother's work, in which his numerous friends must feel a deep interest.

In childhood he was my teacher, and in manhood I have had so much to do in conjunction with him that I could not very well avoid saying perhaps more about myself than some of my readers may consider necessary.

If I have, pray forgive me, and bear in mind that when I commenced writing, my dear brother had only just left us; and at such times above all others the memory of joys

and sorrows shared with the lost one are more vividly brought to mind than at less painful moments.

I have to thank my friends for their assistance in supplying interesting matter for insertion, especially my niece, Miss Helmore; R. A. Turner, Esq., Hon. Sec. L. G. C. A.; Sir Arthur Sullivan; Frederick Walker, Esq., S. Paul's Cathedral; T. Hepworth, Esq.; and, for the Appendix, Miss Olive and Miss Emily Helmore.

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