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PREFACE.

THE materials of the following Memoir have been derived principally from the various documents left by its lamented subject. They were voluminous, particularly his private journals, and it may be inferred from that circumstance, by some, that a more ample portion of them might have been introduced into this volume with propriety and advantage. The writer deems it his duty therefore to remark, that while parts of these papers, here and there, either were obviously intended for publication, sooner or later, in one shape or another, or wear at least an aspect proper for such use, other and very considerable passages-the great bulk of the manuscript, indeed-were as obviously intended at most, only for the eyes of private and intimate friends, and are moreover of a character chiefly to interest that comparatively small class of our readers. We have of course been compelled, under these circumstances, to use a diligent discretion in the selections we have made, and have hoped, if we erred at all, to err on the safer side. We believe, however, that nothing of essential interest in the illustration of the purpose of a Memoir like this, has been omitted.

The publication of the *Remains* of such a man as Cox was, certainly requires no explanation or apology. They will be preserved as a precious relic of one of those, whose memories "smell sweet, and blossom in the dust." MEMOIR OF COX.