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FOREWORD.

The following work is based upon Follen's writings, contemporary references to him hitherto uncollected, and previous biographical material. With all the available sources gathered from various libraries in the United States I have sought to present Follen's life as a whole and at the same time to throw new light upon both his European and American career. Through the kindness of Professor Julius Goebel I had access to a number of Follen's recently discovered letters which made it possible for me to explain Follen's much criticised and misinterpreted turn to the ministry. On account of the European war some of Follen's early essays are at present inaccessible; some of his later ones are extant only in various old American periodicals. These along with several of the more valuable, though almost forgotten, essays in his published works I hope to give to the public at some future time.

Follen's literary remains, including some of his diaries, his fragmentary work on psychology, and other valuable writings, probably lie buried in some unmarked grave. The late John Cabot of Brookline, Massachusetts, who had charge of the Follen family possessions, sought in vain to locate these papers for me. He informed me, however, that to the best of his recollection this material had been turned over either to Professor Kuno Francke or to the librarian of Harvard University, but I have been assured by both of these gentlemen that they have no knowledge of its whereabouts.

To my friend and teacher, Professor Julius Goebel, at whose suggestion it was undertaken, is due the credit for whatever merit this work possesses, and I take this occasion to express my deepest gratitude for his kindly direction and scholarly criticism. To Dr. Alexander Green, my friend and former colleague, I am under obligation also for helpful suggestions.

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