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P R E F A C E.

THE following brief Memoir of the late Mr. Thackeray may, perhaps, be acceptable as filling an intermediate place between the newspaper or review article and the more elaborate biography which may be expected in due course. The writer had some peculiar means of acquiring information for the purpose of his sketch; and to this he has added such particulars as have been already made public in English and foreign publications and other scattered sources.

The common complaints against memoirs of this necessarily hasty and incomplete character will not be repeated by those who are accustomed to test questions in morals by the principles which underlie them. That there is nothing necessarily indelicate or improper in the desire of the public to obtain some personal knowledge of the great and good who have just passed away is assumed by every daily,

weekly, and quarterly journal, which, on occasions of this kind, furnish their readers with such details as they are able to obtain, and who in no case confine themselves strictly to the public career of the deceased.

Although some facts in the private life of Mr. Thackeray will be found to be touched upon in these pages, the writer is not conscious of having written a line which could give pain to others.

The writer cannot conclude without acknowledging the kind assistance he has received in furnishing anecdotes and other particulars from Arthur Kinglake, Esq., Dr. Chambers, Mons. Lacroix, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. George Linley, and others whose names he is not permitted to mention.

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