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#### PREFACE.

IN preparing the memoirs of the Hon. Bernice Pauahi Bishop there have been many difficulties to contend with. The most irreparable have been the loss of invaluable correspondence and the death of friends who were intimately associated with Mrs. Bishop in childhood, girlhood, and in her later years.

A short time previous to the destruction of San Francisco a great number of her letters had been collected and carefully filed by her cousin, Mrs. W. F. Allen of Honolulu. These were sent to Mr. Bishop, in San Francisco, and were consumed in the burning of the hotel where he resided.

Mrs. Bishop had the pen of a ready writer, as the letters which were fortunately preserved and are included in this volume plainly show. She possessed keen powers of perception and was peculiarly happy in narrating her observations of people and events —all the incidents of the varied and picturesque life that went on about her.

She was also exceedingly frank and open, iii and her letters reflected her all-abounding sympathy and affection,—strong essentials of her character—in an unusual degree. The one aim, constantly in view, throughout these memoirs, has been to let that character speak for itself. To this end, letters, or extracts from letters, have been utilized that might seem, otherwise, unimportant.

The record, in its entirety, is that of a strong and noble personality; the unflagging and faithful devotion of an *alii* to her friends, her family, to her people, and the land she so loved,—Hawaii nci.

HONOLULU, II. T., January 7, 1908. M. II. K.

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