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Dedication.

TO THE PHYSIOLOGISTS OF FRANCE,
BOTH TO THOSE WHO HAD THE HAPPINESS TO KNOW
CLAUDE BERNARD IN THE FLESH, AND TO THOSE WHO,
LIKE MYSELF, NEVER SAW HIS FACE, THIS LITTLE
SKETCH IS DEDICATED IN THE HOPE THAT
AS HE HAS BEEN TO ME A FATHER IN
OUR COMMON SCIENCE, SO I MAY
BE ALLOWED TO LOOK UPON
THEM AS BRETHREN.

M. FOSTER.



PREFACE



SOME may think that in the pages which follow too much space is given to an exposition of Claude Bernard's scientific work and too little to the details of his life as a man. Although the real life of every great man of science lies in the story of his scientific work and not in the tale of how he passed his days, we all of us wish to clothe the image which we have formed of a man whom we know by his writings only, with as many details as we can gather, of how he moved among his fellow-men, and what befell him on

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his path through life. And had I been able to do so, I would have added much to what I have written. But the details which can now be gained of Bernard's daily life are very scanty. I can only say that I have done my best ; and the little which I have been able to do has been made possible by the kindness of my friends, especially of Prof. A. Dastre, who now holds Bernard's chair at the Sorbonne ; of Prof. C. Richet, of the École de Médecine ; and of Prof. W. Kühne, of Heidelberg, who was once Bernard's pupil.

CAMBRIDGE,

May 3, 1899.