

PREFACE.

The object of preserving in this form the public expressions of respect to which the death of Mr. Austin, gave rise, is at some future time, to afford to his young children and grand-children the means of forming some faint idea of their noble, learned and pious parent, and to incite them to pay to his memory the best and worthiest homage, that of following his example. Many more extracts from the press of various parts of the United States and Canada, could no doubt have been obtained, but these now reprinted, together with the resolutions passed by public bodies, will be found sufficient for the purpose. It should however be stated that some of the circumstances most creditable to Mr. Austin will not be found mentioned in these pages; among others the fact that during the administration of President Buchanan the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States were greatly desirous that Mr. Austin should be named United States Minister to Rome, instead of which however Mr. Buchanan tendered him the place of Minister to the Neapolitan Court, which offer Mr. Austin declined. But family tradition will be sufficient to preserve to his children the recollection of circumstances like these, and their conversations with his surviving friends will bring up many pleasant incidents and distinctive traits of Mr. Austin's well-defined and strongly marked character.

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