

PREFACE.

WE have endeavored in this volume to give the principal facts in the wonderful history of arctic exploration, down to the discovery of the fate of Sir John Franklin. We have not included, however, the Grinnell Expedition of 1853-5, sent out under Dr. Kane, which, though seeking Franklin, did not embody in its results any facts concerning him, but is yet so remarkable in its achievements, so full of thrilling incidents, and so rich in information, that we have reserved our sketches of it for another volume, which will embrace all the late arctic voyages.

In the arctic history here presented we have given the results of a wide range of study in this class of literature, including both that published in this country and in England.

In the orthography of words belonging to the extreme northern regions we have used the simplest form, supported by good literary author-