

Garrison's life has been told by his children with a loving care and minuteness which make the four portly volumes through which it extends a model of biographical industry. In those volumes are comprised the archives of the moral, as distinguished from the political, movement against slavery. They claim a place in all libraries of American history, but to libraries their bulk confines them. It fell to the lot of the present writer to notice them in two numbers of "Macmillan's Magazine," and the interest which he was led to feel in the subject, combined with the reminiscences awakened in his own mind by their narrative, induced him to compile this little volume. More than a compilation the volume can hardly pretend to be, since for its material it is almost entirely beholden to the larger work, so far as the facts are concerned. The opinions, of course, are the author's own and formed from his own point of view, which is that of an Anglo-Canadian who sympathized with the American friends of the Anti-Slavery cause. The authors of the larger work have so far extended their confidence to the present writer as to sanction his use of the materials collected by them: they are in no way responsible for his opinions. In forming his estimate of the character with which he had to deal he has had the advantage, on one side, of the memoir on "Garrison and his Times," written by Mr. Oliver Johnson, one of the foremost, ablest and staunchest of Garrison's comrades in the great contest,