

TO THE ORNITHOLOGISTS OF AMERICA:

THIS Memoir of one of the Pioneer Field Naturalists of the United States, a plain man of business who traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Mountains of the North to the Great Gulf of the South in his study of Birds; who gathered the largest private collection in ornithology and natural history of any citizen in this country; the accuracy of whose scientific knowledge was only exceeded by his noble character and beautiful life; Friend of Baird, Brewer, Cassin, Coues, Lawrence and Wood among the great ornithologists who have Passed and of Allen, Dresser, Elliot, Ridgway and Verrill among those who remain— is Respectfully and Lovingly Dedicated.