

## PREFACE.

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In presenting this memoir of Dr. Botsford to the public, the writer's aim has been to narrate the moulding circumstances which surrounded Dr. Botsford's childhood and youth, vividly to depict him as he walked among us for so many years—a physician, friend, and citizen—and partially to reveal the hidden motor-power of Christian principle which impelled the various professional, social, and benevolent activities of his life.

The work is offered especially to St. John citizens, trusting they will appreciate and endorse the effort which has been made to produce it. It is the first record that has appeared in book form of the life of a St. John citizen. May we not hope that it will not be the last, but that in future such memorials may be given us from time to time, to serve as incentives and encouragements in the battle of life.

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FRANCES ELIZABETH MURRAY.

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