



PREFACE

ON the 20th of June, 1886, Queen Victoria will, we trust, begin her fiftieth or Jubilee Year of her reign, and in anticipation of that time, it has been thought that a book descriptive of the chief scenes and incidents of her life might suitably be published. Owing to the seclusion in which the Queen has mostly lived for some years past, many of the present generation have never seen her, and have no very vivid idea of her as a real person. Whether or not they will know her any better after reading this volume remains to be seen. It is not intended as a book for children, but for those young people who are old enough to take an intelligent view of facts and events. At the same time it is hoped that it will meet with acceptance at the hands of those who can remember many of the events here briefly recorded.

It should be borne in mind that this is not exactly a life of Queen Victoria. I have chosen out interesting facts and circumstances from a great many different sources, in order to give my readers some personal idea of