

PREFACE TO ENGLISH EDITION.

THE memory of "STONEWALL JACKSON" is still fresh in the hearts of the people. The shadow of grief which spread over the land at the loss of so great and good a man, has not yet passed away. The great heart of the South is inconsolable for the death of its idolized chieftain. Nations vie in doing honor to his name. While all are familiar with his character and his brilliant military achievements, it is natural that the desire should be earnest and universal to learn more of his history and personal worth. To meet this popular desire, this unpretending pamphlet is now brought before the people of the Provinces. It was first published in the Confederate States, at Augusta, Georgia, where it found a sale of 5000 copies in a few weeks. It was put to press within eighteen days after the death of Jackson, and is the first biography of the General ever published.

The work is necessarily meagre from its very conciseness, yet embraces the leading events in the life of the illustrious subject of the sketch. It does not claim to be a "Life" of Jackson, but is just what its title indicates, and nothing more. Other memoirs have been, and will be published, more comprehensive, more valuable as contributions to history, and more prized for the library and parlor table; but this work is better adapted to the wants of the masses, and to such as will feel hardly able to purchase an expensive book.