

LIFE

OF

LORD SYDENHAM.

CHARLES EDWARD POULETT THOMSON was the third son and youngest child of John Poulett Thomson, Esquire, of Waverley Abbey and Roehampton in Surrey, the head of the old and respected mercantile firm of J. Thomson, T. Bonar, & Co., which had been for several generations engaged in the Russian trade, and possessed an establishment as well in St. Petersburg as in London. Mr. John Thomson assumed the name of Poulett by sign manual in 1820, in remembrance of his mother, who was heiress of that branch of the ancient family of Poulett, which had for some centuries been fixed at Goathurst in Somersetshire. He married in 1781 Charlotte, the daughter of Dr. Jacob of Salisbury, by whom he had a family of nine children. Charles, the youngest of this number, was born at Waverley on the 13th September, 1799, and his mother's health being at that time much unfeebled, he may be supposed to have derived from

1799.
