



PREFACE.

THE widely-extended interest now being manifested in the evangelisation of the Chinese Empire makes this a favourable opportunity for issuing a brief memoir of the first Protestant Missionary to that country, and of diffusing a knowledge of his noble life and character, especially amongst the young of our Churches and Sunday Schools. May his spirit of earnest devotion rest on the youth of this generation.

The Author has been indebted for the materials of this volume to the following works: "A Memoir of the Life and Labours of Rev. R. Morrison, D.D.," compiled and published by his widow; "A Retrospect of the First Ten Years of the Protestant Mission to China," by Dr. W. Milne, but chiefly compiled from a M.S. written by Dr. Morrison; "The Life and Opinions of Rev. W. Milne, D.D.," by Robert Philip;