

PREFACE.

THE "Unfinished Autobiography," which forms so prominent a feature in the first part of this volume seems to have been written principally in 1867,—the year previous to its author's last visit to Fatherland. A few portions were penned during that visit.

The singular accuracy with which so many minute incidents are recalled, by one nearing fourscore, and the vividness and freshness with which they are related, make us regret the more that a work so successfully commenced should not have been carried to its contemplated completion.

It appears not to have been prepared consecutively, but in detached portions, on separate sheets, as he felt disposed. We have arranged them to the best of our ability, and have avoided intermingling editorial introductions or reflections, unless where it appeared necessary or desirable.

When the Autobiography failed us, we have drawn largely on his own letters and papers, and the willingly-rendered contributions of those with whom or for whom he laboured in his native and in his adopted country.