

## Preface

OF books relating to Queen Victoria there have been many, particularly in recent days. This work is not addressed to those who have leisure to read the lengthy biographies of modern times, but rather to persons whose lives are filled with occupation, and to whom the idea of the late Queen as a hard-working woman may come as something of an unexpected surprise. And that such she indeed was may be seen by those who have patience to glance through these pages, not because of anything the author may think—that would carry no weight at all,—but because of what is here shown to have been the views of those