

PREFATORY.

THE LIFE of every man and woman which has been spent in the earnest effort to increase the happiness, enlarge the knowledge, and improve and elevate the condition of all those whose lives have come into contact with theirs deserves our admiration, and somewhat, at least, of our reverence. The publication of this Memoir, therefore, needs no apology from its author, for it is in a measure, the record of some of the main incidents in the life of such a man. The unflinching and never failing discharge of every recognised duty, social, moral, political or religious; the untiring industry and persistent energy; the fine sense of honor and unblemished integrity, and the earnest sincerity which characterised his conduct in all the activities of life, are examples worthy to be held up to-day for the imitation and acknowledgment of all men. It is not affirmed that his life and actions were faultless, but that they were as nearly so as his environment and human frailty rendered possible. As a politician his motto was "the greatest good to the greatest number"; as a christian his shield bore the device—"religious liberty"; as a judge he regarded the law as a fitting "instrument of justice", and in all other capacities his escutcheon bore the simple and expressive word "sincerity", which he used in its true etymological sense, and never failed to exhibit in his conduct towards all with whom he came into business or social relations. Such was the man whose biography is here briefly presented to the reader, who, it is hoped, may arise from its perusal a wiser and a stronger man from the lessons which so brave and good a life cannot fail to teach.

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