

P R E F A C E .

THIS volume gives a graphic narrative of the adventures in Arctic Regions of perhaps the most celebrated Arctic traveler of this, or other times. Graphic—because in the main, Sir John Franklin tells his own story. Apart from the interest of the narrative, and its intrinsic merits, the deep interest, which for years has been felt in the fate of Sir John Franklin, will attract attention to the story of his early adventures, now, for the first time, presented in a cheap and readable shape. The narrative of Sir John's *first* Polar Sea Expedition, we venture to say, is unsurpassed among books of travel and adventure for intense, all-absorbing interest.

The book sketches Franklin's three expeditions, and gives all the information to be had respecting the fourth and last sad one which will forever be shrouded in mystery to this world. We also add a sketch of the expeditions sent in search of Franklin, and their results.

Franklin's first journey into Arctic Regions was made