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AND

TO THE HOPE
OF WHAT IT MAY BE

THESE PAGES ARE DEDICATED BY

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PREFACE.

THE history of this work may be very concisely told in the words of an extract from Messrs. Longman's "Notes on Books" for last May:—"The papers of which it consists were originally written by 'Peregrine' for the *Field*, with the view of making British gentlemen familiar with all the details of a sport once so general, though now neglected and nearly forgotten. The papers have been carefully revised; and, in preparing them for the press, the author had access to occasional Notes drawn up by Captain Salvin, and was also indebted for many valuable hints to the experience of that keen falconer, who now shares with 'Peregrine' the responsibility of this publication. . . . To the 'Falconry' are added some remarks on the training of the Otter and Cormorant, from the pen of Captain Salvin, who writes from his own practice."

To my old and kind friend, Mr. Brodrick, to whom I was indebted, many years ago, for a knowledge of the rudiments of the art of Falconry, this book owes something; and I take this opportunity of thanking, in the name of Captain Salvin and in