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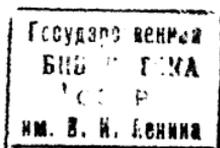
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## *PREFACE.*

IT is now nearly thirty years since the publication of a volume consisting chiefly of the Charges and Sermons of Bishop Stanley. The interest attaching to these compositions, which never laid claim to more than a temporary value, has passed away. But it has been thought that the brief Memoir of his life, which was prefixed to them, might with advantage be republished, with such revisions and additions as the lapse of time has rendered necessary. One such is the notice of his two sons, especially the eldest, Captain Owen Stanley. The chief addition consists of the collection of extracts, with which the volume concludes, from the journals and letters of his wife, Catherine Stanley.

The lengthening and deepening shadows of life are of themselves warnings not to lose the opportunity for preserving this record of the Bishop's life in a permanent shape. But it is believed also that there are special reasons why amongst the multiplying contributions to the ecclesiastical history of our time the phase of spi-