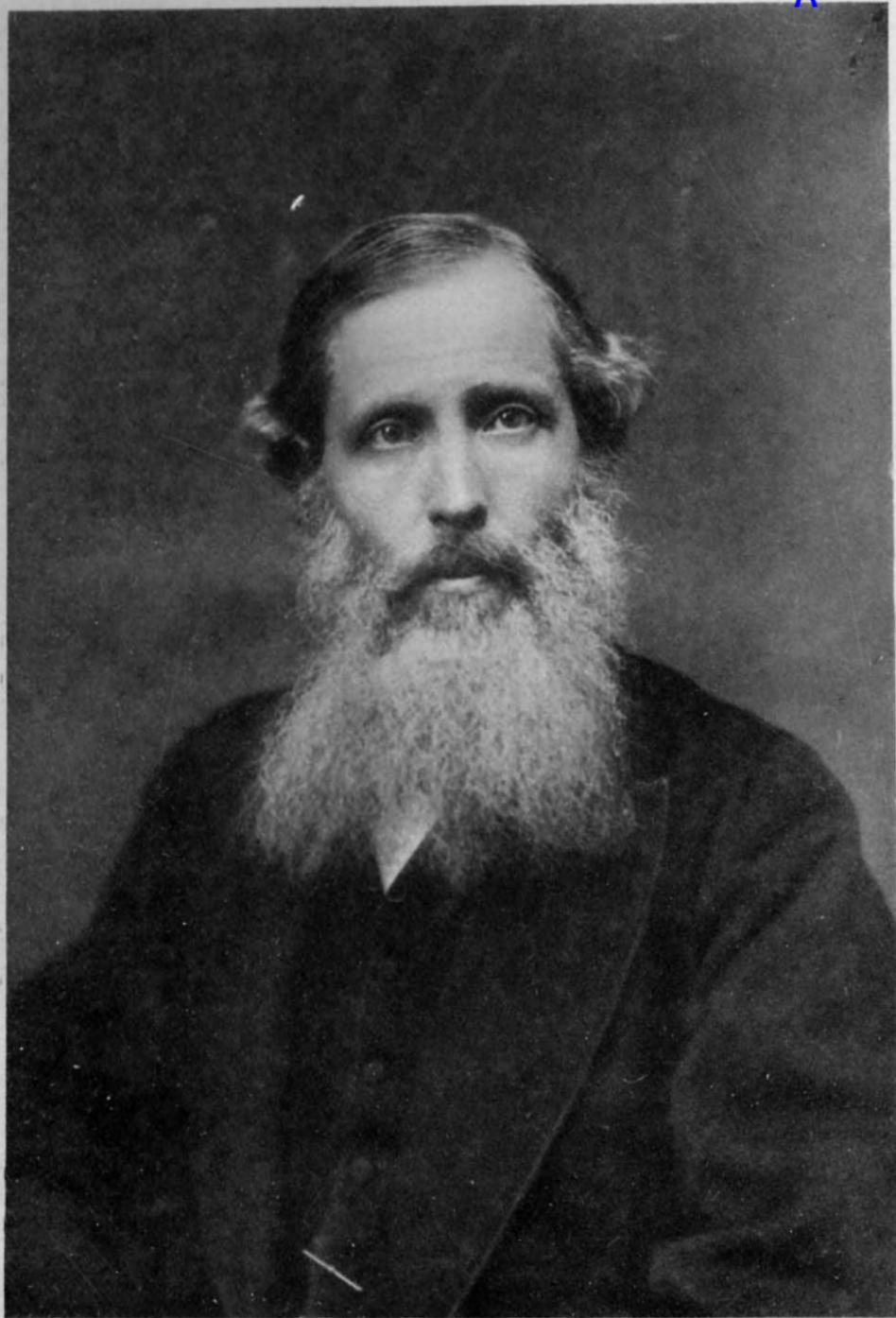


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## PREFACE

APART from personal memories and printed records, the chief materials for this account of Henry Sidgwick's life are the following:—A short autobiographical fragment dictated in his last illness; an intermittent journal kept between 1884 and 1892, and sent at intervals to John Addington Symonds at Davos; and a large number of other private letters, placed at our disposal by various relations and friends. A study of these papers convinced us that our object would be best attained by a narrative largely consisting of extracts from his own letters. For not only does the chief interest of a life, outwardly so uneventful as his, lie in the thoughts, the aims, the character, which are best described or exhibited in his own words; but also his letters sufficiently resemble his talk to bring his personality vividly before those who knew him, and doubtless in some measure also before readers who never saw him.

Accordingly, we have chosen from his letters such passages, whether of narrative, discussion, or comment, as seemed to us to be characteristic or interesting, or to give the facts required. What we have printed are generally extracts—seldom complete letters. Whenever anything is omitted which bears on the immediate subject, we have indicated the fact by dots. Among the omitted passages there are, of course, some references to private matters which could not be published, and a few comments which might mislead or annoy;