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## PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

THE Student's Guide is written for the benefit not of actual students only, but of all persons who may contemplate entering the University of Cambridge; and of all, whether parents, guardians, tutors or schoolmasters, who may be interested in or responsible for such persons.

There will be found in this Volume,

First, much important information about the usages and expenses of University life, which has not before been printed, and which the student has hitherto partly received orally from the Tutor of his College, partly acquired for himself by his own experience and mistakes;

Secondly, a series of articles on the Studies and Examinations of the University, written with the authority either of Professors or of men who have themselves recently conducted the Examinations of which they write, and with the practical knowledge of men who have mastered for themselves as Students, and in many cases also for others as Private Tutors, the art of winning high honours;

Lastly, an account of the system of Middle Class Examination recently established, and of the facilities which the University offers to candidates for Indian Appointments.

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As each writer is responsible and alone responsible for his own contribution, it has not been thought necessary that all the articles should be exactly consistent with each other in matters of opinion. Scarcely any disagreement however will in fact be found, because the question what the University might be or ought to be is not here discussed, while on the question what it actually is and how it practically works there is little room for difference of opinion among men well acquainted with it.

J. R. S.

1862.

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PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION.

SINCE the publication of the second edition, many important alterations have been made in the regulations affecting the manner and period of taking the degrees. The publication has been postponed in order that the whole of these might be included. The papers have been revised throughout, and new ones have been substituted where necessary.

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