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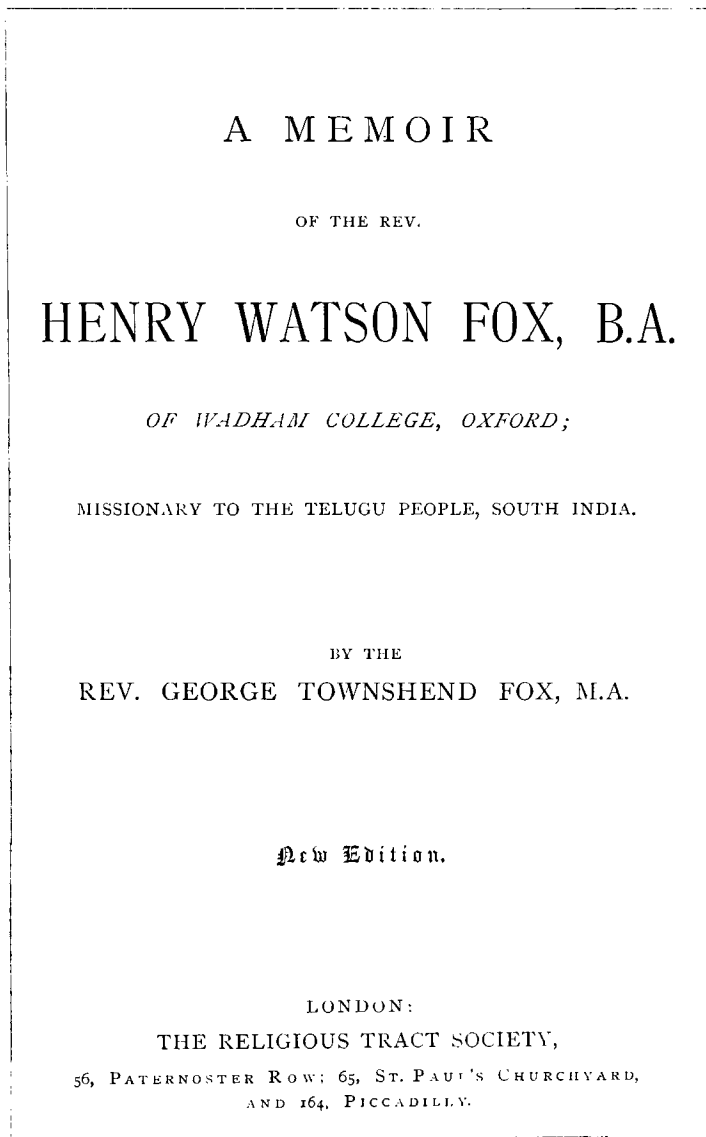
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TO
THE HEAD MASTER,
THE MASTERS, AND SCHOLARS
OF
RUGBY SCHOOL,
THE FOLLOWING MEMOIR
OF ONE WHO RETAINED HIS AFFECTION FOR RUGBY
TO HIS CLOSING DAYS,
Is Respectfully Inscribed
BY
THE AUTHOR.

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P R E F A C E.



UPWARDS of thirty years have elapsed since the decease of my brother Henry, during which period four editions in England, and one edition in America, of his Memoir have been published, and have long since been exhausted. It might have been supposed that after the lapse of so long a period the interest originally excited by his missionary enterprise and premature death would have died out, but the facts introduced in the Appendix will serve to refute this impression.

Some months ago my friend, the Rev. John Sharp, formerly missionary at Masulipatam, wrote to me, complaining that my brother's Memoir had been so long out of print that even at Rugby a copy was not to be had; and hence that neither the boys themselves, nor sometimes the preachers of the annual sermon, could obtain information of him whose name had become associated with what is now an established organisation in connection with Rugby School.

He strongly urged upon me to bring out a new edition, which I consented to do, and offered it to the Religious Tract Society, who considerably undertook the responsibility.

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The present edition, in a slightly abridged form, will, I trust, meet the requirements of the case, not merely in Rugby, but likewise amongst those who take an interest in the missionary cause throughout the kingdom.

I should have hesitated to take this step if it had not been for Rugby ; but remembering the interest which the Memoir excited in bygone years in the minds and hearts of many Rugby schoolboys, and that we are indebted to its perusal for having given the first impulse to several persons, and amongst others to one who is now a bishop, in the missionary field, I commit the new edition to the blessing of God, with the prayerful hope that it may be accompanied with similar results.

G. T. FOX.

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