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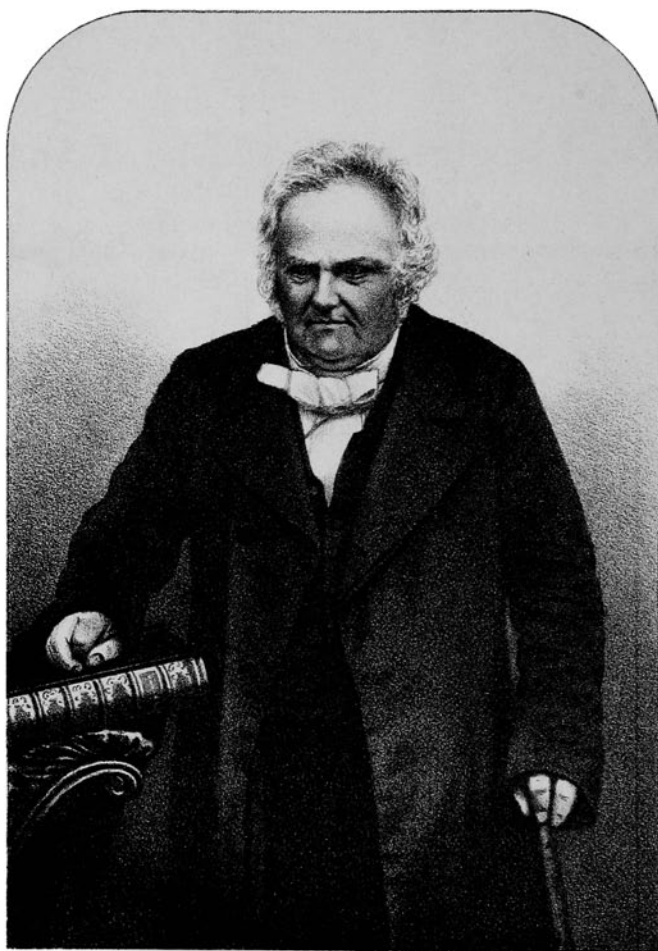
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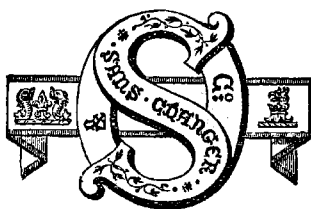
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## PREFACE OF DR. WOLFF.

WOLFF lays now before the public, not an abridgment of his Travels and Adventures, but an edition, though in smaller type, enriched with many new remarks and notices. Every piece of information, the style and sentiments, the philosophical and theological views, the remarks on the heroes of his story, are his own throughout. They have been written down as he dictated them to kind friends who received them from his lips.

As to the great object of this work, Wolff has to make the following remarks. The first reason of his giving it to the world, was that a wish for its publication had been expressed, not only by members of the Church of England, but by persons belonging to other branches of the Catholic Church. In the second place, Wolff wished to prove to the world and to the Church, that the Lord is the Lord of Wolff as much as he was of Paul; and that with GOD's grace he is able to demonstrate to the Church at large that GOD has not cast away His people. Wolff is able to say, "Has GOD cast away His people? GOD forbid; for I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of LEVI." GOD has not cast away his people! And amidst good report and evil report, Joseph Wolff has proclaimed the Gospel to kings; for instance, Rundjut Singh, the King of Delhi, and the King of

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and to the children of Israel.

Another object that he had in view was to prove to the Jewish nation that he is not ashamed of confessing to the world that he is of the seed of Abraham, of that Semitic race which has given light, the light of knowledge of GOD as it is in Christ Jesus, and the light of civilization, to the world; and that, though born a Jew, he loves the Gentile world, and wishes to make all men as happy as he is himself, through the knowledge of Christ, and that he looks with pity upon those Jews who, though professing Christianity, are ashamed of being known to the world as sprung from the Jewish stock. Farewell!

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