

QUEEN VICTORIA



QUEEN VICTORIA AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY-EIGHT

From the original painting by BARON H. VON ANGELI, now at Windsor Castle

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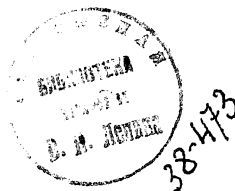
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PREFACE

TO

THE NEW EDITION

I AM grateful for the welcome which was accorded this work by the press and the public at home, in the Colonies, and in the United States of America, on its publication at the end of 1902. I hope that this cheaper edition may extend the ranks of its readers.

In revising the biography for re-issue I have taken advantage of the communications of correspondents who have been kind enough to send me some corrections and additional information. A few of these correspondents were in one capacity or another in close relations with the late Queen, and have given me the results of first-hand knowledge.

Of the new light which Mr. John Morley's lately published 'Life of Gladstone' has thrown on Queen Victoria's personal relations with the longest-lived of her Prime Ministers I have also availed myself in this revision of my work. Mr. Morley's volumes form a contribution of first-rate importance to the history of the Queen's reign, and they place all