

HUMAN LIFE  
IN  
SHAKESPEARE.

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## P R E F A C E.

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HAVING been invited, several years ago, to deliver a course of lectures before the Lowell Institute, in Boston, I accordingly delivered those which I now venture to print. The hall would, I believe, hold twelve hundred; but such was the desire to hear, that a sufficient number could not be accommodated. Each lecture was therefore repeated, at three o'clock in the afternoon, on the day following. I was then in health and spirits; now, alas! I am in an illness which will close but with my death. In sending forth my book, therefore, in my weakness, I hope it may be as generously received by the public, as the lectures spoken from my lips were by the audience.

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