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CHAPTER III. PRO AND CON.

"Well, what do you think of him?" asked Lockyer, after we had got home again, and could talk quietly.

"Who—Stuart? I think he is a fine, plucky fellow, and that it's a pity he did not succeed."

"But he did succeed. He overlapped Gregory on the Albert. The traverse is complete from sea to sea."

"By no means, until he had struck the Albert. And, what's the good if it was? We have plenty of rock and sand and scrub nearer home, without going into the wilderness to find it."

"Harry, you are a gross materialist, and incapable of appreciating such a man as John MacDougall Stuart. Your argument would apply every bit as correctly to Sir John Franklin or to Dr. Livingstone, and you might just as reasonably ask what was the good of the North Pole, or of Lake Nyanza."

"Without any desire to speak disrespectfully of the Equator, the latter is a question I have often propounded. As to the other, I am quite satisfied with the evil in the loss of the valiant Governor of Tasmania and all his people, for which misfortune I have never heard even the suggestion of an equivalent."

"Well, if you will be a Philistine, I suppose you must," said Fred.