

P R E F A C E.

IN 1858 I paid a four months' visit to the United States and Canada; pleasure took me to the country of Brother Jonathan, ties of kindred to England's flourishing colony. I made copious notes of my travels and observations, but did not think it worth while to put any of them in print; but now that my brother has just returned from a similar tour, it is our opinion that the contrast between the peaceful Union in 1858 and the warlike States in 1861 is sufficient warrant for our publishing, for our own gratification and for that of our friends, some record of that which we must ever look back upon as an event in our life's brief course.

Our minds being thus made up to print, we think it as well to give an opportunity to a reading public of seeing what two unbiassed young Englishmen think, on a personal acquaintance, of the Anglo-Saxon race and the land of their adoption on the other side of the Atlantic.

J. C., JUN.

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