

TO THE ENGLISH PUBLIC.

THE interest taken by you in our American experiences has been made manifest to us in many ways on this side of the Atlantic. We have received the "God speed" of friends and associates, and a record of our trip will, I believe, be interesting to many.

My own share in this book is but small ; and to my friend, Joseph Hatton, belongs whatever credit there may be in it. It will, I hope, be accepted only for what it professes to be,—a series of sketches, chronicles, and conversations regarding a tour which the American people made for us, by their welcome and by their bounteous hospitality, a delightful progress.

In our intercourse with our friends, old and new, throughout the United States, nothing has impressed us more than their fondness for the old country. The greetings which we have every-