

PREFATORY NOTE.

THE papers contained in this little book were written during two tours in Canada, for the information and amusement of the Members and Associates of the ONWARD AND UPWARD ASSOCIATION, and were accordingly published in the Magazine *Onward and Upward* in 1891-92. They are merely the passing and superficial notes of a traveller journeying rapidly through the country, and desirous of conveying some impressions of the rich and varied attractions presented by "the Dominion," and which appear to be but very imperfectly realised by those at home, whether by the holiday seeker or the intending settler. They do not aspire to deal with the deeper questions of Canadian life or politics, but are merely recollections of delightful holiday trips made charming not only by the beauties of nature, but by the extraordinary kindness and hospitality of people of all classes in Canada. Looked upon thus in the light of a journal, these pages possess a peculiar attraction for their writer, in company with the little scraps of sketches and photographic views so dear to the heart of the tourist. But they appear to her to be scarcely worthy of being thus collected in the form of a volume. As, however, both the publisher and many kind readers of these jottings in their previous form have desired to see them thus gathered together, their wishes have been deferred to, and, with a full consciousness of their deficiencies, they are now gratefully dedicated to both the Members and Associates of the ONWARD AND UPWARD ASSOCIATION and to our friends and hosts in Canada.

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