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TO THE READER.

The following Letters and Diary were not written with any view to publication; indeed, the writer would not have thought of going into print, had it not been suggested to him, that, to the members of his Family, and to numerous Friends on both sides of the Atlantic, his "Glimpses of American Life and Scenery," would be an acceptable *souvenir* of what was to him, a most memorable and pleasant episode in a busy life. He may further state that he has neither attempted to improve the style, nor to alter the language. With scarcely a dozen exceptions, and these of a trifling character, the printed copy is identical, in every respect, with the original manuscripts.

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