



Introduction



THE success which attended the first issue (in the summer of 1873) of FAXON'S HANDBOOK would have been alone sufficient to justify its presentation this year. Its facts and suggestions met a ready response from the travelling and pleasure-seeking public; and the trips therein described proved immensely popular. Its design — to afford in small compass, attractive form, and convenient arrangement the necessary information as to routes, distances, stopping-places, and attractions

at the various summer resorts, and to furnish at the same time pleasant reading for the tourist — won the most flattering approval; and its execution, in the main, was acceptable. But, with the advent of warm weather each year, people begin to ask each other anxiously, "Where shall we go this summer?" and to feverishly scan the railroad guides and summer-resort advertisements.

A new handbook is, therefore, needed for each year, or, better still, an old favorite corrected and improved from year to year. Accordingly, the present season, FAXON'S HANDBOOK has been thoroughly revised and edited, — new places of resort described; fuller information as to routes, time, &c., given; descriptions of scenery which has never before been mentioned in a handbook, and fresh and readable chapters on familiar scenes, written; the typography and mechanical execution of