

## EDITOR'S PREFACE.

SINCE the following pages were in the printer's hands there have appeared no less than three distinct works upon the same subject: Lieutenant Osborn, Dr. Sutherland, and Captain Mangles, have each separately recorded their experiences in the Arctic Regions, and expressed their opinions as to the fate of Sir John Franklin and his gallant companions. The author of 'Franklin's Footsteps' had, ever since his return with Captain Austin's Expedition, determined on submitting the result of his own observations and researches—slight and imperfect as some may deem them—to the public, feeling that they, in common with himself, felt a deep and sincere interest in the fate of their missing countrymen. If the work possesses no other merit, it may at least be relied on as the production of one who neglected no opportunity of making himself

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