

P R E F A C E .

To our "*Coit Excursionists*," and their Friends :

DEAR Friends, we again come before you in this, our fourth volume, containing the account of our annual trip for 1871. Having traveled over most of the route one year before, and having published a volume containing an account of the trip, of course we cannot enter into all the details of this our second trip on this route, without infringing somewhat upon that. There is, however, much of interest that might be told even in this our last visit to the "Queen's Dominions."

Before giving our readers any description of our last excursion, allow us to state to you something of the interest that was so plainly manifest months previous to our starting. The three excursions previously had by the Coit Party, had made a very favorable impression on the public mind far and near; and when the papers announced the fourth excursion, the letters, from all parts of the country, came pouring in, to make enquiry as to all the particulars connected with the same. Of course it was right that each *new* member who was to join the party, should understand all the particulars; therefore, it was the pleasant duty of the President of the Party to answer about one hundred letters, giving all the necessary information asked for. The decided success of the three former excursions was the cause