

PREFACE.

SINCE my return to England, I have been requested by numerous friends to publish the letters contributed to the *City Press* during my tour round the world, in a pamphlet form. I am rejoiced to find that the time I devoted to writing them was not misapplied. It was a source of great pleasure to myself, as it seemed like sitting down and holding converse with friends whom I love and esteem, but who were yet far off; giving them an account of my wanderings in a plain, homely style, and I am gratified to find that my efforts have been appreciated.

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