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"Persons best acquainted with the subject will be slow to believe that by this time all the members of the Expedition have perished. . . . Mr. Brown is of similar belief—nay, more, he gives ample reason for the hope that is in him. . . . An authority our readers may consult with advantage."—*Daily News*, July 1, 1858.

"I cannot quit the theme of Arctic researches, upon which I have long thought with intense anxiety, and on which I have dwelt so much at length at former anniversaries, without expressing my obligations to an associate, Mr. John Brown, for his work entitled 'The North-West Passage and the Search after Sir John Franklin,' which he has dedicated to the Royal Geographical Society and myself. In this volume the philanthropic author, in all times in the front rank of those who have sustained the search after our missing countrymen, and who has never given way to despondency, has placed before the reader an able epitome of all the efforts which have been made, as well as the theories which have been formed on this engrossing topic. . . . We must admire the warm-hearted earnestness with which Mr. Brown has acquitted himself of his task, and has placed before us in a compact form the services of so many of our Arctic heroes."—*Extract from Sir R. I. Murchison's Anniversary Address to the Royal Geographical Society, London, May 24, 1858.*

"The author is of our mind in clinging to the hope that at least some of the Franklin party may still survive."—*Jersey Independent*, June 26, 1858.

"In the volume before us, Mr. Brown has given the question of the North-West Passage, and the Arctic inquiries arising out of it, much and long consideration. . . . Fully and conscientiously does it appear to us to record all that has been said and done regarding the original Plan and Instructions for the unfortunate voyage to accomplish which Franklin and Crozier were despatched in 1845. . . . Mr. Brown's straightforward truthfulness, and doing justice to the zeal and devotion of our seamen, will particularly recommend his volume to the attention of the naval profession."—*Naval Chronicle*, Sept. 1, 1858.

"Mr. Brown's, as it is the last so it is also one of the most valuable of our books on the Arctic question. . . . The book is handsomely got up, it is enriched with a copy of the chart supplied to the Franklin Expedition, an excellent map of recent discoveries, and a sketch of Erebus and Terror Bay, where the ill-fated ships wintered."—*Dover Express*, Sept. 4, 1858.

"It seems to us the subject could not have fallen into more efficient hands, as Mr. Brown has made Arctic inquiry a study since 1817. . . . Mr. Brown bases all his arguments on sources that cannot be doubted, and gives ample references to the works themselves. . . . It would be impossible here to enter upon all the bearings in