

As regards the maps which appear in this volume, the larger of the two—comprising my general route through the Hudson's Bay Company's Territories—sufficiently speaks for itself, subject to the explanation that it has been prepared by the Messrs. Keith Johnston, with special reference to the aspect of the country, in its boundaries, settlements, railways, etc., as existing at the period of my journey,—viz. in the years 1859 and 1860.

The smaller map, however,—illustrative of my route while travelling in the Rocky Mountains,—demands perhaps more particular notice ; as I am personally accountable, not only for its arrangement, but for the details of a certain portion of the country, never before (nor probably since) visited by any European. On these points it may be noted, that the outlines of the map in question—which are of my own framing—have been composed by adjustment from the principal maps in the *Blue Books* relating to Captain Palliser's Expedition ; and that the newly explored valleys are laid down from a sketch made by me in 1860, while the memory of the localities was still fresh in my mind.

I regret that circumstances should have prevented me from forming a better record of my explorations than a mere approximate sketch,—for even on unimportant subjects accuracy will often prove to be of value,—but, such as it is, I offer it as some small tribute to the treasury of geographical knowledge.

As regards the illustrations, whether on separate pages or attached to the letterpress of the work, the greater number of these are derived from my own sketches and drawings ; the