

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

FORTUNATELY, perhaps, for both my reader and myself, this little annual belongs to that class of publications which need little or nothing from the author by way of introduction. In fact, that critical period—its *début*—may, fairly enough, be said to be safely past.

“HO! FOR THE WEST” made its first *entrée* in the Guide Book world just two years ago, and the growing favour with which it has been received, has induced the present issue.

While the general plan and outline of the work remain the same, the field of observation has been enlarged, and the chapters on Agriculture, Land, and others of equal, and more than average importance, occupy a larger share of the following pages than they did in the first and second editions.