

P R E F A C E

THESE pages re-tell, with greater amplitude of detail and incident, the story which I was privileged to chronicle from day to day by cable for many millions of readers. It is the narrative of an Imperial progress, the like of which was never made before by any prince or monarch in the history of the world, and the mere contemplation of which must cause every loyal subject of His Majesty at home and in "All the Britains beyond the Seas" to tingle with patriotic pride. In the course of the tour, which lasted seven and a half months, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, now Prince and Princess of Wales, travelled by land and sea little short of fifty thousand miles. In all that marvellous journey they never once set foot on soil which was not painted red upon the map, or over which the Union Jack did not fly, unless Egypt, which after all is a British protectorate, be excepted. The tour enabled millions to see and acclaim, for the first and only time, their future King and Queen. Their Royal