**THESE** Notes, the publication of which has been delayed by illness and other causes, are not intended as a discussion of the question of the "Trent," which has been disposed of argumentatively as well as practically. Had they been so, much would have been added and much omitted. They are meant to contribute, however slightly, to the elucidation of some points in that discussion which were handled, as it appeared to me, on both sides with a somewhat uncertain touch.