

PREFACE.

Diaries and Journals are generally looked upon by the reading world as dismal, uninteresting accounts, which have little or no life in them. This work cannot be, strictly speaking, a Journal or Diary, and contains scenes which I hope will excite the interest of the reader enough to give it a careful perusal, particularly those more accustomed to the reading of works of truth than of fiction.

By the reader of Novels I have no doubt but it will meet with a cool reception, therefore, to the candid and thoughtful, more than these, I recommend it, as it shows in a clear and plain manner the trials persons are subject to, and the privations they have to endure who are strangers in a strange land, without the means wherewith to help themselves to the necessities of life or to convey themselves from one place to another. Also, when cast upon the wide world, how few are to be found who are willing to practice our Saviour's Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you."