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TO  
SAMUEL W. OAKLEY, Esq.,  
OF NEW ORLEANS.

MY DEAR SIR:—

IF to prepare a Dedication of the ephemera comprised in the ensuing pages be not too unpardonable presumption, I pray You to accept, at my hands, these Sketches of the City, whose steadfast citizen and public-spirited advocate, through evil and through good report, You have been for over thirty years; of the city which You have beheld, during this period, quadruple in size, and whose streets, now burdened with the treasures of metropolitan wealth, were, at Your first arrival, but the avenues of disagreeable approach to the swamps of the Faubourg St. Marie.

That You may live for many happy years to

watch this city of your adoption continually increase in commercial prosperity and metropolitan importance, surrounded by the social enjoyments that You so much adorn, and that You so heartily relish, is the earnest prayer of the

AUTHOR.

HUDSON-STREET, ST. JOHN'S PARK,  
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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE majority of the sketches in this volume were written at New Orleans, in the years 1846 and 1847; and have appeared from time to time in the "*Literary World*." The kind consideration they received from many readers, and their endorsement by many gazettes in this country and Great Britain, have induced their collection, after much revision and some additions, for publication. They are presented with the hope that they may afford brief reference to many phases of life in the South-western Metropolis, about which there is little known in other sections of the country. And, as thus presented, are probably the last literary appearance of their writer, who, in the pursuit of a congenial profession, which tolerates no rival pursuit, will have little leisure for additional labors in the fields of Belles Lettres.





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