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## P R E F A C E.

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It has often been remarked that no place is in such want of a Handbook as Madeira, such as will acquaint and help the visitor of a few days, weeks, or months with the various means of reaching the island, with its grand and most beautiful scenery, and its varied and interesting Sylva and Flora.

This little book may, it is hoped, prove to be a practical contribution to such a result, as pains have been taken to describe both the long and short rides and excursions, either of a day or a week ; and all the information necessary for organizing such expeditions has been given.

The writer has not touched on those subjects where it would be presuming in her to do so—such as the Geology and Meteorology of Madeira, and its climate from the physician's point of view. "The Climate and Resources of Madeira," a valuable work by the resident English physician, Michael Grabham, M.D., F.R.G.S., F.R.C.P., fully and scientifically enters upon these and other important subjects.

The different steam-ship companies have kindly afforded the information given regarding their vessels, luggage, etc.

The currency having undergone considerable changes of late, a simple table is shown, which will be easily mastered.

As the chief hotels in Funchal have recently been re-organized, they are likely to remain unchanged for many years, and are as comfortable and convenient as possible.

Correct lists of the ferns and seaweeds are given to help those wishing to employ their leisure hours in studying or collecting the same.

The trees, flowers, birds, and fishes are only slightly touched upon.

The writer begs the indulgence of her readers for much that she knows must be very imperfect; but, having been so often asked to make plans for expeditions to various parts of the island, she has ventured, at the suggestion of friends, to publish the practical knowledge and personal experience she has gained in a life-long acquaintance with Madeira and its beauties.

Permission has been kindly granted by Mrs. White, widow of the late Robert White, Esq., and by James Yates Johnson, Esq., for reference to their "Handbook for Madeira."

Also the writer has to acknowledge much valuable help from Mr. Charles Cossart, whose knowledge of Madeira mountain paths, leading to some of the finest and least known scenery, is accurate and extensive. He has given outlines of all the pedestrian excursions, besides much interesting information on various subjects.