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TO
JOSEPH WHARTON, Esq.,
OF PHILADELPHIA,
IN WHOSE INTEREST AND AT WHOSE EXPENSE MY
JOURNEY TO SOUTH AMERICA
WAS UNDERTAKEN,

THIS BOOK IS MOST RESPECTFULLY

Dedicated

BY

THE AUTHOR.

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PREFACE.

A PREFACE should rather be called a "Prefix," for, in the most of cases, it is written *after* the work to which it is attached. Such, at least, is the case with this introduction, which is, at the same time, an apology for the appearance of the present book.

In the spring of last year it was my good fortune to be asked to undertake certain professional work in New Granada and Ecuador; countries whose names had been in my mind associated with all that is sublime in mountain scenery, luxuriant in tropical vegetation, and interesting in volcanic phenomena, and which, moreover, had been rendered classic ground by the labours of some of the foremost scientific men of the present century. I very willingly engaged to do the work in question, and, while detained in Guayaquil attending to it, took the opportunity of crossing the Western Cordillera of the Andes, principally in order to pay my respects to those ancient mountain monarchs whose names I remembered from my school boy days. I did not anticipate that I would be able to obtain anything beyond the most distant introduction to Chimborazo and the other elevated peaks in its proximity, or that my geological observations, taken by themselves, would be of such a character as to justify me in bringing them prominently before the public. But I afterwards reflected that I had succeeded in viewing the magnificent precincts of these mountains, situated in the most elevated volcanic territory 'n the world, and had become acquainted with the views

the book ; in order to the easier detection of which, it may here be mentioned that, besides treating of other matters, Chapters I., II., IV. and V. will be found to contain special allusions to family, church, state and nation respectively. Chapter III., which refers more particularly to the scenery and volcanoes of the Andes, may be regarded as the nucleus, to which I have already referred, of my narrative. I confess that in writing the latter I have been influenced by a desire to render it acceptable to a wider circle and a greater variety of readers than is usually commanded by purely scientific writing ; and I have endeavoured, in relating my experiences and moralising thereon, to do so in such a manner as may induce the reader to accompany me, in the spirit, with interest and curiosity, "to the Andes."

Staneybrae,
Actonvale, Quebec ;
Easter, 1877.

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