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DEAR SIR ALFRED JONES,

*It is fitting that a book dealing with Jamaica should, in some way, be identified with your name, so I venture to dedicate this volume to you as a small mark of the appreciation of one, who, having seen something of the value of your work in the West Indies, is filled with admiration for your enterprise and perspicacity. It seems to me that few men in England have done more to make for that condition of Imperial Unity which is the ideal of all who think seriously of the problems of the mother-land and her colonies. In West Africa, South Africa, and Canada, as well as in the West Indies, you are known as a strong upholder of all the best traditions of Imperialism, and as a man whose assistance for any patriotic cause is never asked in vain. You began to take an interest in Jamaica at a time when that country was, financially, in a somewhat critical condition; and undoubtedly the commercial revival which*



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*It is the earnest desire of every one who has the good fortune to live in the "land of wood and water," and of every one who has the interests of the island at heart, that you may long continue to take an active part in the development of Jamaica.*

*Yours sincerely,*

THE AUTHOR.

*To Sir ALFRED JONES, K.C.M.G.*

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