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"MARK THEM AS THEY SURGE ALONG."

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## PREFACE.

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ONE or two friends to whom I showed these papers in MS., having observed that they were not half bad, and some of my relations having promised to buy the book, if it ever came out, I feel I have no right to longer delay its issue. But for this, as one may say, public demand, I, perhaps, should not have ventured to offer these mere "idle thoughts" of mine as mental food for the English-speaking peoples of the earth. What readers ask nowadays in a book is that it should improve, instruct, and elevate. This book wouldn't elevate a cow. I can not conscientiously recommend it for any useful purpose whatever. All I can suggest is, that when you get tired of reading "the best hundred books," you may take this up for half an hour. It will be a change.

