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PREFACE.

THESE notes are intended to embody, in the smallest possible compass, a description of some of the more important features of the country, trade, and productions of New Zealand. I have also ventured to express some of the conclusions at which I have arrived after several years of varied experience in the Colonies, conclusions which, it will be observed, are generally favourable to New Zealand as a field of enterprise and

emigration in preference to the other divisions of Australasia.

I am fully sensible that this work, brief as it is, is not without its shortcomings and defects, but the main object of its pages will be accomplished if it succeeds in correcting some of the mistaken impressions brought home and disseminated by tourists, and in conveying to the intending emigrant some useful hints concerning one of Great Britain's most valuable possessions.

W. E. S.

Cheltenham, December, 1891.

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ADVANTAGES OF SITUATION.

In these days, when the prosperity of a country is so largely reckoned by the extent of its trade, the facilities afforded for commerce by its geographical situation and natural formation are of the utmost importance. To the