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"REGOLD HOW FAIR, HOW FAR PROLONGED, IN ARCH AND AIBL, THE AVENUE OF THE
VALLEYS; THE FRINGES OF THE HILLS! SO STATELY—SO ETERNAL; THE JOY OF MAN—
THE COMFORT OF ALL LIVING CREATURES, THE GLORY OF THE EARTH."—*John Ruskin.*

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DEDICATION.

TO

JOSEPH COWEN, Esq.,

STELLA HALL, BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

DEAR SIR,

The following Papers on the "USES AND BEAUTIES OF TREES," which I originally contributed to the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle*, I now respectfully submit, in book form, to my patrons and subscribers.

The first writing of them was to me a labour of love, and a congenial employment during evening hours. The ultimate object I had in view was to encourage, as well as I could, a sympathetic taste for trees considered as individual specimens, and, at the same time, a healthy appreciation of them in picturesque combination. How far I may have succeeded

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in this attempt I cannot tell ; but one of the most pleasing circumstances connected with my little work is, that it has brought me into touch with many kind friends, in whom the love of beauty may be regarded as a virtue.

The importance of the subject, I believe, is gradually becoming more apparent, and I am not without hope that, through the influence exerted by Arborical and kindred Societies, good results will follow, and that tree planting and tree preservation, especially about our large towns, will be more scrupulously attended to in the future than in the past.

I should like particularly to mention here that I appreciate very much the kindness of Lord and Lady ARMSTRONG, who have enabled me to add so interesting a frontispiece to my book—a young oak which was planted in the private grounds, at Jesmond, on the day of their marriage, and which is now a finely-developed specimen tree. Lord ARMSTRONG is himself an extensive tree planter, and one who has, with rare judgment and exquisite pictorial taste, added much to the classic beauties of my native stream, the Coquet. I

sincerely trust that many will copy his Lordship's example. Trees are a heritage that future generations will be grateful for, just as we ourselves are grateful for what has been handed down to us by our wise and considerate forefathers.

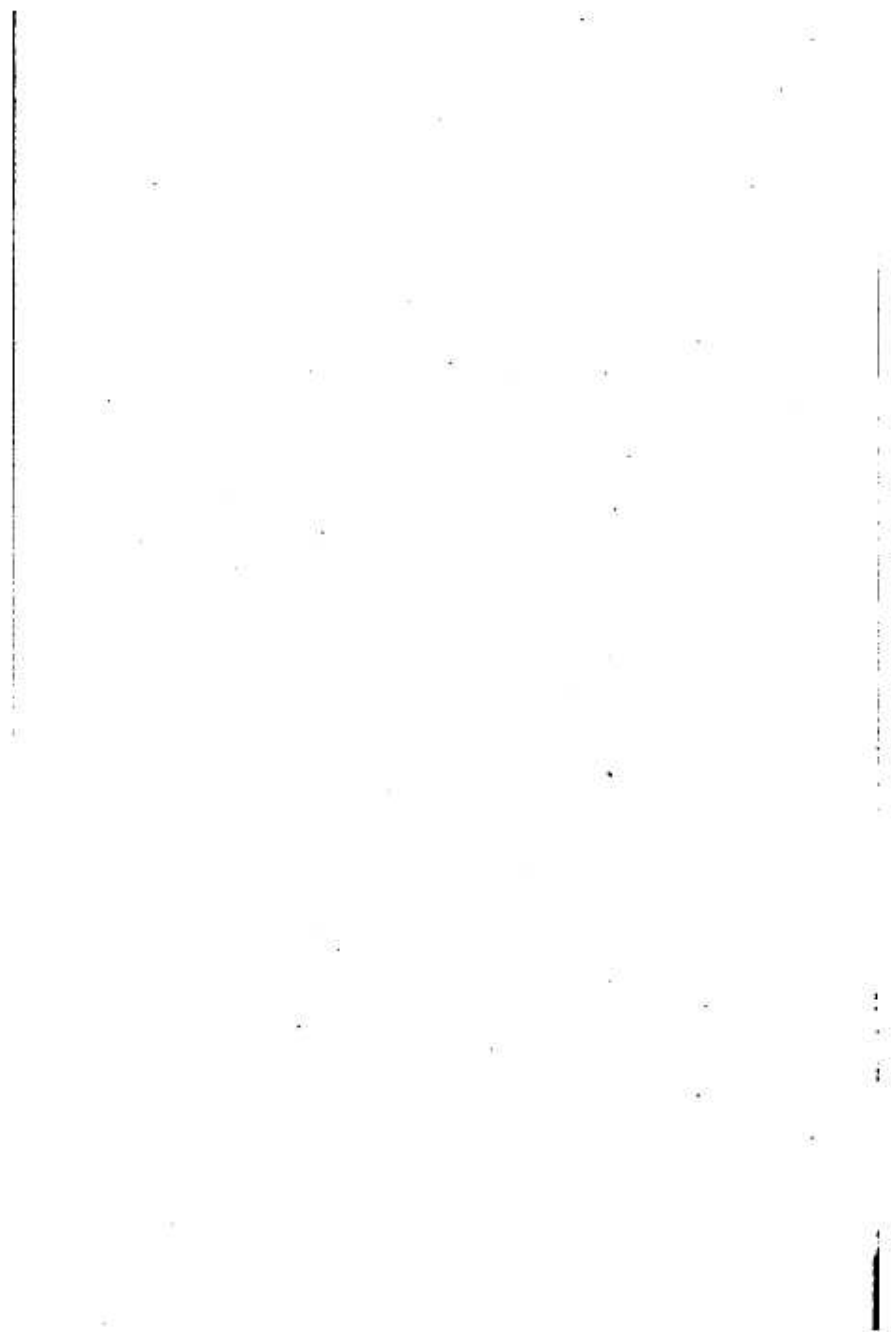
In dedicating my little volume to you, I am well aware that you have quite other and higher claims to public gratitude than that of being a practical arboriculturist. I dedicate it, however, with perfect confidence in your kindness and sympathy, knowing, as I do, that you are ever ready to lend a friendly hand to such as have an honest desire to be useful, or are actuated by a pure motive for the public weal.

I am, Sir,

Yours most sincerely,

JOHN WILSON.

LEAZES PARK,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
October 31, 1889.



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