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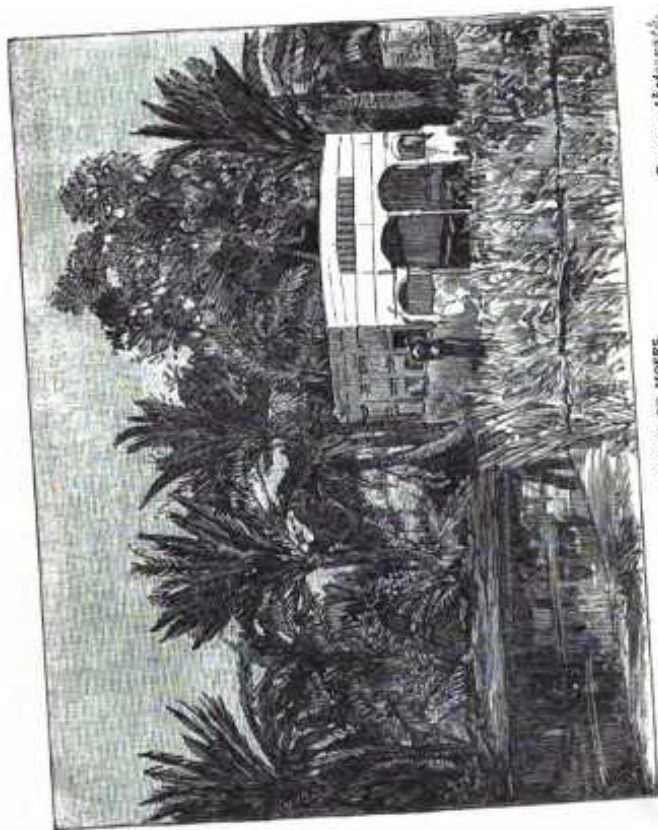
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From a photograph.

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THE MOUNTAINS' ETC

'God gave much peace on earth, much holy joy
Ope'd fountains of perennial spring, whence flowed
Abundant happiness to all who wished
To drink.'

Fourth Thousand.

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INTRODUCTION.

AS we have had mornings by the Streams, and evenings on the Hillside, so in this little book we invite you to rest at noon beside Wells of Water. If the readers of these short portions have but half the pleasure in reading that the writer has had in penning them, she will be richly rewarded. The study of these Wells has been one of such unmixed enjoyment that she is loath to part with it. Let us hope that it will only serve as a point of fresh departure to further study and deeper draughts, as we drink joyfully from the Wells of Salvation. If, like

Uzziah, we 'love husbandry,' it is pretty certain that we shall be found building many 'towers in the desert,' and 'digging many wells.' Like Gideon, rising up early to pitch beside the well, we may have to use the morning light to get the stones rolled away from the well's mouth.

Any way, our visits will be rewarded with lasting gain. The children also might ask visitors and friends about 'wells,' and so get before us, who feel that golden hours of promise have been lost. They may get an answer like this, which we got the other day from a man of genius, poet and preacher: 'The first sermon I remember was about a well, now thirty years ago.' This will help them, as they lift a large Bible to find verses about 'wells,' to fill perhaps a page in their Sunday album.

We are living in remarkable days of progress,