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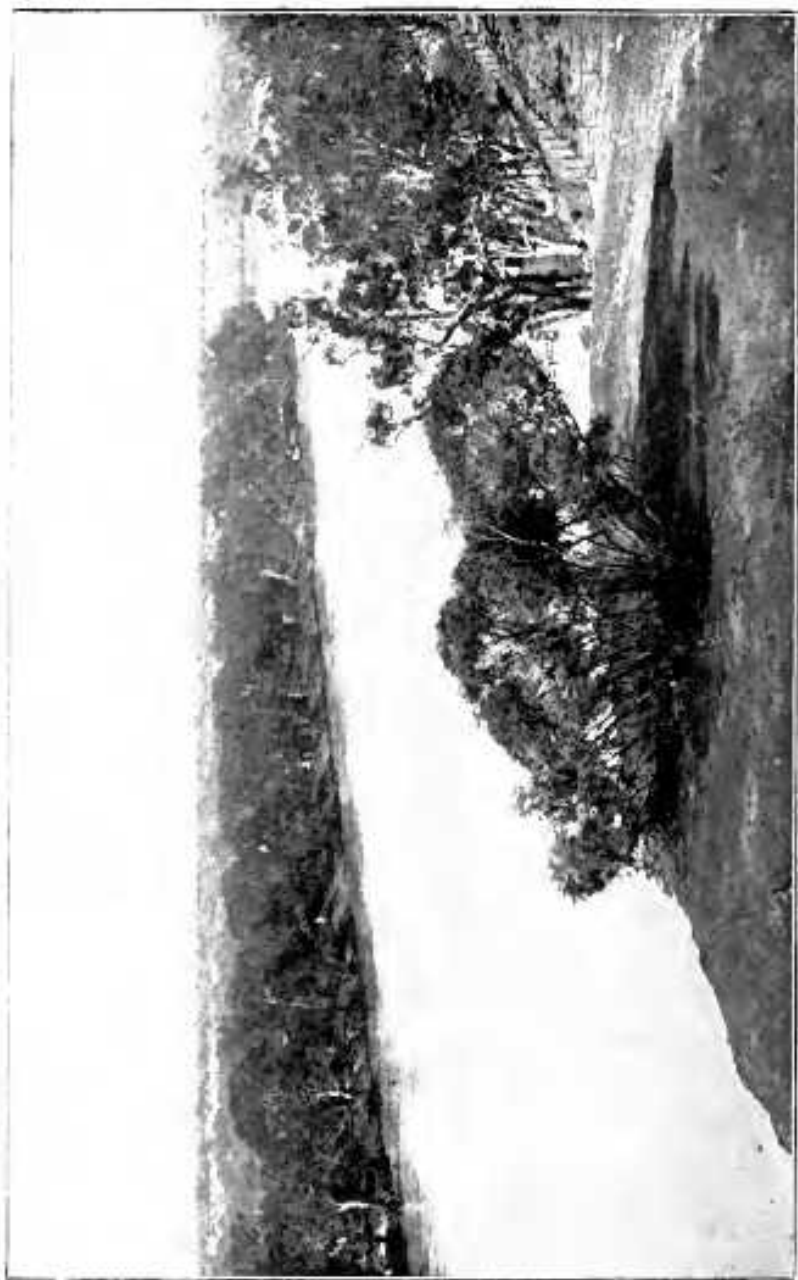
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PREFACE

THE modern teaching of geography, like that of history, lays increasing stress on the value of original authorities. One of the first steps in this direction was the bibliography appended to Sir Archibald Geikie's *Teaching of Geography*, followed in 1897 by Dr. H. R. Mill's *Hints to Teachers and Students on the Choice of Geographical Books*, compiled at the request of the Geographical Association. The present series goes a step farther, and attempts to depict the world in the language of men who have seen it.

The task of preparing the present volume has not been an easy one. Our colonies at the other side of the world are too new to offer many attractions to travellers, and most of the available books of travel lay more stress on the material aspects of city life than on the natural geographical features; the rate of progress is so rapid that authorities soon get out of date. Great use has been made of the official publications of the various Colonial Governments, and teachers are advised to apply for samples to the Agents-General of the various colonies, who will supply some of them at a nominal cost. The journals of the Australasian Geographical Society often contain useful articles, but are practically inaccessible in this country. For the Asiatic and Pacific Islands there are several standard books of travel.

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