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### NOTE BY THE PUBLISHER

By an unfortunate misunderstanding, the letters of Mr. Frederic Harrison in Chapter II. were in type and were passed for press without having been submitted to the writer, and without having obtained his consent to their publication. He wishes it to be understood that the letters were confidential, and often playful, replies to constant inquiries from Miss Betham-Edwards as to his literary work—such as he never contemplated leaving the hands of his old friend.

MATILDA BARBARA BETHAM-  
EDWARDS

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IT is sad to think that the busy little hand which penned *Mid-Victorian Memories* will write no more, sad to think that the writer is numbered now herself among our "Memories."

A melancholy interest attaches to the publication of a last book. Ours is the disappointment of the author. Delight in the doing consists largely in expectation of publication, the crowning moment of achievement. It is hard to be robbed of that moment, and we feel it the harder in this instance because we know how much it would have meant to our friend. She had so looked forward to the event! It might have been her first book, she was so impatient to see it in print. Or she may perhaps have had a presentiment that it was to be her last, and was anxious to lose no time. She had none of the conceit which masks itself in affected indifference to the public reception of a book. A sympathetic review elated, a spiteful one depressed