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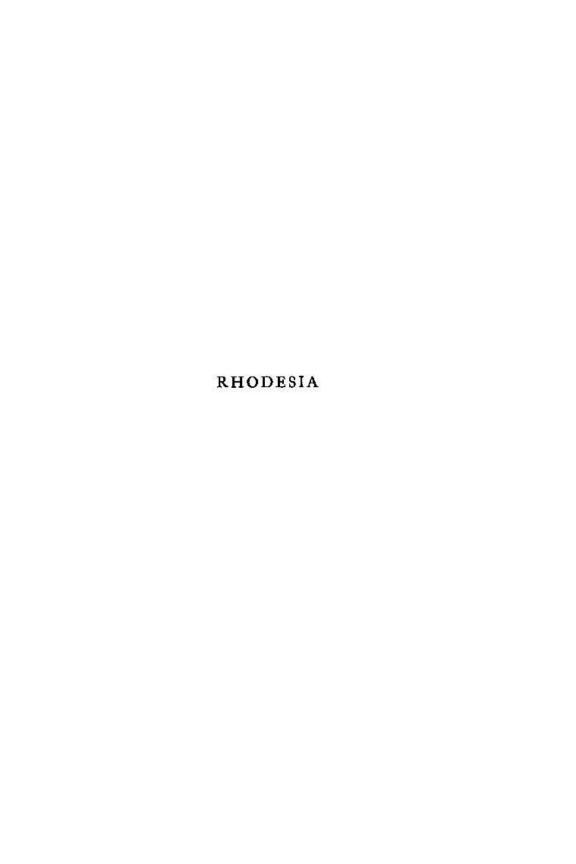
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#### PREFACE

THE reader has probably seldom met with more heterogeneous elements in one single book. Some portions were written in our waggon, some under a tree, on a stone, near an ant-heap, on the brink of a river, on board ship, on the beach, in an old mine, amidst ancient ruins; seldom with the pen, mostly with pencil; sometimes by the glare of a fire, sometimes by the feeble glimmer of a candle in a lantern, mostly with the inconvenience of a traveller in a new country, often in a hurry to avail ourselves of the scanty chances of postal out-stations; mere fleeting impressions, incoherent but fresh, in the shape of letters to friends. On the contrary, other parts were written in my study, in the midst of a library of books on the North, dealing with the old diggings and ruins, and give a resume of much reading and reflection, coupled with my own investigations and experience.

Well then, we give it, and let the reader take it for what it is worth. We always trouble ourselves only about what we write, never about what we have