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"Nature is silent to the unobservant man; and that rich spring of enjoyment escapes him, which has power to delight and cheer us, even when suffering from the severest blows of fate."—*Meyer's Geography of Plants.*

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1856.



TO THE  
REV. CHARLES KINGSLEY  
AND  
MRS. KINGSLEY

**This Little Book is affectionately Dedicated**

AS A SMALL TOKEN OF THE GRATITUDE

DUE TO THEM

FOR AWAKENING AND FOSTERING IN THEIR CHILDREN

A LOVE OF NATURE AND BEAUTY,

BY THEIR DAUGHTER,

CHARLOTTE CHANTER.





## P R E F A C E.

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THE publication of this little book has arisen out of a desire to share with others the happiness which I have enjoyed amid the wild scenes of Devonshire, hoping that they too may derive fresh life and joy from the breezy heaths and moorlands of their native country. I write for the votaries of health and pleasure, not for votaries of Science. I write for those of less cultivated intellect, who, with an innate taste and love for all that is beautiful and divine in nature, too often wander in darkness where even a little knowledge would open to them worlds of light in the animal and vegetable kingdoms, provided not only for use, but for endless interest and research into the works of their Creator. My humble effort is designed to lead the youthful and to cheer the weary spirit, by leading them, with a woman's hand, to the Ferny Combes and Dells of Devon, where my best reward will be their innocent amusement or their restoration to health under the soothing influences of a rambling Tour.

C. C.

*Ilfracombe, July, 1856.*

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