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## PREFACE.

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THE following pages, which were sent home some months ago, were written while the writer was incapacitated by a tedious illness from active occupation.

They have been shown to a few friends at home, who have found so much of interest and of novelty in them, that they consider that the public would also read them with pleasure; and in the hope that the result of their publication will justify this opinion, it has been decided to print them for general circulation.

It is, perhaps, fair to the author to add that, in a letter which has been recently received

from him, he says "it was an occupation in the wet season in New Guinea, but I seriously doubt if it is worth publishing. It amused me to write, but it is very deficient in the matter of giving information."

E. R.

LONDON, *February*, 1886.



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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the success of any business and for the protection of the interests of all parties involved.

2. In the second part, the author outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. This includes a detailed description of the experimental procedures and the statistical methods employed to interpret the results.

3. The third section provides a comprehensive overview of the findings of the study. It discusses the key observations and the implications of the data, highlighting the areas where the results differ from previous research.

4. Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the main points and a discussion of the future directions for further research. The author expresses a strong belief in the value of the work and its potential to contribute to the field.

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INTRODUCTION.

IN the following pages it is not intended to attempt to give any very thorough description of particular groups of islands or of their inhabitants. The duration of my stay in the places I write of never exceeded six months, whereas it would take fully that number of years to acquire even a moderately correct acquaintance with the various habits, languages, and dispositions of all the different races to be found there. It would take many years even to visit and land on every island in what is known as the Western Pacific, and there are some small islands about the north-east coast of New Guinea which remain to this day unvisited. It is, perhaps, not too much to say that there are probably some islands which have never even been sighted. In support of this statement, I may mention that, so late