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DEDICATION.

*To my husband, whose never-failing help smoothed every difficulty of the way, I dedicate the following slight record of our tour through the Soudan in 1878; compiled during his absence on the Mission to Abyssinia in the early part of the current year.*

August 1884.





## P R E F A C E.

THE following letters were not originally intended for publication. They were addressed chiefly to my mother, and at the time I wrote them I had not the least idea that any but those in the immediate circle of my own family and intimate friends would ever read them. Until lately I was not even aware that they had been preserved. Soon, however, after the present difficulties in the Soudan arose, when it became apparent that interest would be aroused regarding that part of Africa, they were returned to me with urgent requests that I would put them into print.

For a considerable time I hesitated, and it was only when the requests were reiterated that I ventured to commence selection and revision.

The desire to comply with the wishes of my friends, and the fact that I am, I believe, with the exception of Lady Baker, the only lady who has as yet made a tour through the Soudan, are my apology for bringing to the light these slight imperfect sketches.

In the beginning of the year 1878 I persuaded my husband to take me to Africa, but the short trip which began and ended in Egyptian territory was but part of that which at the outset I hoped might be feasible.

My original wish was to go to Abyssinia—special interest regarding that country having been raised in my mind from Captain Speedy's residence there many years before, his connection with it during the Expedition of 1867 and 1868 under Lord Napier of Magdala, and his subsequent guardianship of the late Prince Alamayu, son of Theodore, King John's predecessor. I did not, however, get so far. Our plans resolved themselves, even before we set forth, into a shooting tour through that part of Nubia known as the Eastern Soudan. We