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'Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?'—*MATT. vii. 26.*

'Our passage lies across the brink
Of many a threatening wave;
The world expects to see us sink,
But Jesus lives to save.'

—*From Green Pastures.*

PREFACE.

THIS little book is an account of some savages, unknown and unheard of in the days of yore, but who have of late become very interesting to many. It is extracted from the 'Voice of Pity,' by the very kind permission of the former honorary Secretary of the Patagonian Mission; and the chief reason for gathering these various sketches of them in one small volume, is to exhibit, in a connected view, the wonderful work of Providence, than to trace which, nothing can be more delightful, beautiful, and consoling. If any one who reads this book be led, not only to believe, but to realize, the acts of Providence more strongly, even in individual cases, it will not have been published in vain.

One of the great difficulties in undertaking the Patagonian Mission, was the unknown language of the natives; but this has been in a remarkable degree (and beyond all human calculation) removed, by the discovery of Jemmy Button,¹ who had not forgotten English, and had taught his family to speak it. 'Marvellous are Thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.'—Ps. cxxxix. 14.

May a blessing from the Highest rest on this humble work.

M. C. M. L.

EDINBURGH, June 1857.

¹ One of the savages who had been brought to England, and whose early history is related in the following pages.

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PART I.

THE HISTORY

FUEGIA BASKET AND HER COMPANIONS.

