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PREFACE.

It may be necessary at the commencement of this work to explain that it is the result of a pressing request on the part of the Editors of the *Methodist Journal*, who, on hearing of my intended trip round the World, asked me to make notes as I went along, and post them on to Adelaide for publication in the *Journal*. Never having attempted anything of the kind before, I naturally shrank from the task, but after a considerable amount of persuasion I promised to hazard the attempt: hence these "rough notes." The reader will see that I have not attempted to write formal or elaborate articles on the various things and places that I have seen in my travels, but have rather tried to write them in an easy conversational style. Since my return scores of friends have pressed me to re-publish them in the book or pamphlet form, at the same time promising support; as that was an idea that had not previously occurred to me, I hesitated for a month or two, but as many entirely disinterested parties continued to speak kindly of these my "maiden efforts," and advised their re-publishing, I at last decided to do so.

I therefore set to work, and to some extent revised them, at the same time making a few additions and alterations; but for want of time the revision has not been so thorough as I should have liked.

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CHAPTER I.

Leaving Glencg--The inevitable--Delightful night--One day's doings--Man overboard.

The Tropics, March 15, 1876.

ON February 27, at exactly eight p.m., the P. and O. Company's R. M. S. *China* hauled up her anchor and steered down the gulf, from Glencg. It was with a curious combination of feelings that I leaned on the bulwarks and watched the receding lights of my adopted country, until they were lost in the distance. I then began to stir myself, as weeping would not mend matters. The strange dusky figures of the Hindoo sailors rushing about, their tongues clattering at a marvellous pace, the almost continual whistle of the Indian "bosun" calling his men to various parts of the ship, the rattling of chains, waiters carrying luggage about, all tended to make it seem a most unnatural and uncongenial Sunday evening. I paced the deck for an hour or two, and then sought my cabin, with a presentiment that I should be likely to remain there for some days to come. I managed to get a passable night's rest "considering." At six next morning our cabin steward brought me a cup of tea, which I enjoyed. I then got up, had a salt water bath; but returning to my cabin, soon I felt "the inevitable" slowly but surely coming over me. Within half an hour I had "given up" everything but the ghost, and there I lay in abject misery the rest of the day. Next morning I was slightly better, so I braced up courage enough to have my bath, dress, and go on deck for a short time. The weather was beautifully calm all the way to King George's Sound; but for all that I remained in a state of wretchedness until nearly in sight of land.

We arrived at the Sound at six p.m. on March 2nd, but much to our annoyance were placed in quarantine on account of scarlet fever having been prevalent in Melbourne. So we had to remain on board during the very dirty operation of coaling, which was exceedingly unpleasant, and very detrimental to clean clothes! The appearance of Albany from the steamer's deck was not particularly prepossessing; but we were informed that there was some good country inland, which no doubt is true. The night we spent in the harbour