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DEDICATION.

MY DEAREST CHILDREN,

When I was a child, a tour round this world was esteemed a wonderful feat, which only a few enterprising navigators would venture to accomplish. Steam had not made ships independent of contrary winds and calms at sea, which in long voyages often detained vessels from sailing onwards, making them "as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean."

Now, voyages are made with almost the same precision as a journey by land, and the increasing speed of steamboats and railways makes a journey round this earth a mere holiday trip.

DEDICATION.

You are geographically acquainted with the two hemispheres of this globe, their Continents, Oceans, Islands, Mountains, Inland Seas or Lakes ; and the appreciation you have always shown for geographical knowledge justly entitles you to ask me to place within reading-reach the outline of my tour, which I gladly do, and dedicate it to you all.

EUSTACE MEREDYTH MARTEN.

17, Clanricarde Gardens,
Hyde Park, March, 1883.

ROUND THE WORLD.

CHAPTER I.

"I'LL put a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes." When Shakespeare wrote *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and in his sublime conception almost prophetically foretold the existing electric current, how little did he realise its distant fulfilment; or Pope, when he wrote, "and waft a sigh from Indus to the Pole," also "unbounded Thames shall flow for all Mankind," how little did he suppose that the rapidity he poetically ascribed to written thought would, a century and a half after, be fulfilled by electricity, and

commercial freedom by the wisdom of Parliament. Inspiration is a word which in some circles of society would offend, if applied to any writings except the Bible; but how illogical it is for finite man to limit the incomprehensible action and greatness of God to the moral world. This earth was created by Him, declared to be good and majestically completed in the creation of man, and is it probable, that (although defaced) He would leave the being that was made in His image to struggle in this world unaided by His assistance, which alone can advance its material progress, as it alone has restored the human race to His favour?

I believe that every thought which advances the intelligence or material interests of man, whether it relates to the

mysteries of the universe, or the social, political, or mechanical progress of this world is a direct revelation from God, accountable only by what we term inspiration. One moment's thought must convince us that all those auxiliary forces which science, art, and the mental faculties in social progress have (as a medium) revealed are essential to the completion of God's promises, and, through their fulfilment, His reign on earth. Although I believe many troubles and changes to be imminent in this world, still some nations are drawing closer to each other, and will probably in time (through having the same enlightened views) become more and more like a united family. Having always valued the advantage that travelling confers, and also the health it imparts, I decided in 1871 to

supplement my previous journeys with a more complete knowledge of the Empire, upon some portion of which the sun always shines.

For more than one year I was so exhausted by illness that I almost despaired of ever being again restored to health, and as one of the incidents of my illness was an extreme delicacy of throat, I was recommended to sojourn for many months in a more warm and uniform climate than that of England. Egypt was suggested as most suitable to my case, but I thought that the Nile, even with all its historical associations, would not occupy my mind as a tour round this world would do; and also, if it was seasonably timed, I might in all the countries I visited, realise the warmth of the Egyptian climate. The
