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## PREFACE.

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IN giving a short preface to the pages of this book, let me first say that my entire efforts and intentions are towards the development and progress of the South of Ireland and its labour. That I have met with severe opposition goes without saying in trying to do so, but let me add in the words of Carlyle—*"Men's hearts ought not to be set against one another, but set with one another, and all against the evil thing only."* "A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise *against*, and not *with* the wind. Even a head wind is better than none. No man ever worked his passage anywhere in a dead calm. Let no man wax pale, therefore, because of opposition, opposition is what he wants and must have to be good for anything. Hardship is the native soil of manhood and self-reliance. He that cannot abide the storm without flinching or quailing, strips himself in the sunshine, and lies down by the wayside to be overlooked and forgotten. He who but braces himself to the struggle when the winds blow, gives up

when they have done, and falls asleep in the stillness that follows."

Now these are not my words, but I quote them :—

" Be just in all thy actions, and if joined  
With those that are not, never change thy mind ;  
If ought obstruct thy course, yet stand not still,  
But wind about till thou hast topp'd the hill.  
To the same end men several paths may tread,  
As many doors into one temple lead.  
And the same hand into a fist may close,  
Which instantly a palm expanded shows."

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