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TO THE

PEOPLE OF PUDSEY,

ESPECIALLY

THE YOUNG,

AT HOME AND ELSEWHERE,

BY THEIR

WELL-WISHER AND FELLOW-TOWNSMAN,

THE AUTHOR.

HORSFORTH,
March, 1887.

P R E F A C E .

In compliance with numerous requests, the following letters are issued in a separate form. Being written chiefly for the young people, who, from the nature of their position, cannot be expected to have large pecuniary resources at command, not having had a sufficient length of time to acquire much wealth, we have resolved to publish a cheap edition.

Our desire is that they should be read; thinking from our own experience, that the young people might be helped both to appreciate the superior advantages they possess as compared with their forefathers, and be prompted to greater activity on behalf of progress in the future.

The following letters extended over twice the length of time that we expected they would do when we began to write them, though we curtailed them as much as possible, compatible with giving the reader something like a general view of the various matters dealt with.

We are not conscious of having gone out of our way to deal with debatable matters, but have tried to avoid them as much as possible. One thing however is certain, that those who only read their own side deny themselves of some advantage which reading both sides would give. Were there no difference of opinion amongst mankind, no one could learn anything from his fellow-men, and all social intercourse and progress would be at an end.

There is no need for any apology on our part for the order or arrangement of our subject. The various letters were written as the matter presented itself and impressed us at the time, and it has not been deemed desirable to alter them in that respect, though some slight alterations and corrections have been made.

It is only necessary to add that if any person 50 years ago had predicted what has since come to pass, he would have been considered crazy. And could anyone foresee, and tell us the social, political, and religious aspects of Pudsey 50 years hence, he also would probably be thought a fit subject for Bedlam. Change and progress seem so slow from day to day, that it is only by looking back over a long period of time that we are able to see the immense progress made. We trust that to some extent the following letters will enable the reader to do this.

THE AUTHOR.

Horsforth, Sept. 8th, 1886.

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