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TO
JOSEPH WHARTON, Esq.,
OF PHILADELPHIA,
IN WHOSE INTEREST AND AT WHOSE EXPENSE MY
JOURNEY TO SOUTH AMERICA
WAS UNDERTAKEN,
THIS BOOK IS MOST RESPECTFULLY
Dedicated
BY
THE AUTHOR.



PREFACE.

A PREFACE should rather be called a "Prefix," for, in the most of cases, it is written *after* the work to which it is attached. Such, at least, is the case with this introduction, which is, at the same time, an apology for the appearance of the present book.

In the spring of last year it was my good fortune to be asked to undertake certain professional work in New Granada and Ecuador; countries whose names had been in my mind associated with all that is sublime in mountain scenery, luxuriant in tropical vegetation, and interesting in volcanic phenomena, and which, moreover, had been rendered classic ground by the labours of some of the foremost scientific men of the present century. I very willingly engaged to do the work in question, and, while detained in Guayaquil attending to it, took the opportunity of crossing the Western Cordillera of the Andes, principally in order to pay my respects to those ancient mountain monarchs whose names I remembered from my school boy days. I did not anticipate that I would be able to obtain anything beyond the most distant introduction to Chimborazo and the other elevated peaks in its proximity, or that my geological observations, taken by themselves, would be of such a character as to justify me in bringing them prominently before the public. But I afterwards reflected that I had succeeded in viewing the magnificent precincts of these mountains, situated in the most elevated volcanic territory 'n the world, and had become acquainted with the views

entertained by modern geologists as regards its phenomena ; and it seemed to me that a description of these might very advantageously form the nucleus of a narrative of my journey, and that, possibly, the latter might be fortunate enough to find an adequate circle of readers.

This narrative of my journey to the Andes includes also some description of my route to and from South America, which lay, first, across the continent to San Francisco ; then along the Pacific coast as far south as Callao ; afterwards back to Guayaquil and across the Andes to Ambato ; finally returning *via* the Isthmus of Panama and northward to New York. While thus travelling on railway car, steamboat or horseback, I very freely conversed with my fellow passengers, and could not avoid eliciting from them their views on many subjects and stating my own. Many of our conversations I have thought worthy of being incorporated with my narrative. These, although not given in the exact words used, represent truthfully the substance ; and it may here be stated that the passengers mentioned as participating in them are such as I actually encountered on my journey. From such raw material and my own observations I have endeavoured to manufacture a fabric intended to be of permanent use to the reader. There have also been drawn slightly into review the peculiarities of the countries through which I passed, and some attempt has been made to deduce from them lessons in political and social science which may have a wider application.

The idea which underlies these supposed lessons is the triple analogy which is presented by national, family and individual existence. Without being metaphysically precise, it is assumed that the individual consists of mind, heart and body, and it is supposed that these correspond respectively to father, mother and children in the constitu-

tion of the family, and to state, church and people in that of the nation. It is expressly insisted upon that the family furnishes the true type, according to which the mutual relations of state, church and people should be regulated and each of their true functions determined. It may be supposed that such an analogy can have but very little practical importance, but, if closely considered, it will be found that it furnishes the key for the solution of some questions, as regards the relative position of church and state, which are even now beginning to agitate the Province of Quebec. In following out the analogy the conclusion is also deduced that the proper education of the individual is a more complex matter than is usually supposed; that it is not exclusively the province of the schoolmaster; that his duty consists mainly in imparting instruction to the mind; that the training of the body to health and work in the home and workshop, and, especially, the disciplining of the heart to vital religion and unselfishness by the ministers of Christian churches, are essential parts of education and necessary to the happiness of the family and the welfare of the nation.

This whole subject is, of course, one which merits a better exposition than that which it has experienced in the present work, and I cannot pretend that anything like justice has been done to it, owing to the necessarily fragmentary manner of its treatment. On the other hand, it is doubtful whether a regular treatise on the three composite moral beings, the state, the church and the family, would receive any greater amount of attention from general readers than the reference to their relations which is presented within the compass of the present volume.

In spite, however, of the somewhat eccentric shape which this reference has assumed, it is hoped that a certain rude subdivision of the subject will be found traceable through

the book ; in order to the easier detection of which, it may here be mentioned that, besides treating of other matters, Chapters I., II., IV. and V. will be found to contain special allusions to family, church, state and nation respectively. Chapter III., which refers more particularly to the scenery and volcanoes of the Andes, may be regarded as the nucleus, to which I have already referred, of my narrative. I confess that in writing the latter I have been influenced by a desire to render it acceptable to a wider circle and a greater variety of readers than is usually commanded by purely scientific writing ; and I have endeavoured, in relating my experiences and moralising thereon, to do so in such a manner as may induce the reader to accompany me, in the spirit, with interest and curiosity, "to the Andes."

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