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TO THE  
HON. GERALD C. TALBOT AND REV. R. SEYMOUR,

In grateful Recollection

OF

THEIR WARM AND CONSTANT INTEREST IN

THE SETTLERS AT MONTE MOLINO,

This Book is Inscribed.



## P R E F A C E.

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THE WRITER of the following pages is well aware that the only apology that is worth anything for the publication of a book must be found in its contents. If his readers do not find these such as to justify the presumption which asks for their perusal, no preface, however ingenious, can be of any worth. And yet he is anxious to bespeak the favour of those under whose eyes this volume may chance to fall, by briefly saying, that while he grants the superior merits, in almost every respect, of such works on the La Plate regions as Mr. Hinchcliff's, Mr. Hutchinson's, Mr. Latham's, and though last in its appearance, by no means least in value, the work of Señor Sarmiento, the present enlightened President of the Argentine Republic, the claim of this volume, if it has any claim at all, lies in this—that the ground it traverses has been scarcely touched by those writers, inasmuch as it is confined almost exclusively to the simple narration of the difficulties which

beset the settler in the first few years of his enterprise; more particularly when he has been tempted to fix himself outside the older settlements, and to be, as in the case of the writer and his companions, in the truest sense of the word, a Pioneer.

R. A. S.

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