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INTRODUCTION.

A DEMAND from many quarters, — which a servant of the public has no right to disregard, — and the interest evinced by a wide circle of readers, when the letters which make up the larger part of these pages appeared last year in the *Boston Journal*, have induced me to offer them again, revised and enlarged, in this more permanent form. Partly because I think no book should ever be published which requires apology for its contents, and partly because the title of the little volume sufficiently explains its want of elaboration, I shall make no excuse for the casual nature of the following chapters. For what could be expected of one on the wing, but bird's-eye views?

M. E. B.

BOSTON, January, 1883.

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In answering the call for a fourth edition, the author desires, for herself and publishers, to offer sincere thanks for the generous kindness with which her little book has been received both by Press and Public.

M. E. B.

Boston, 1883.

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