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COUNTRY OF THEOPOLIS**

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### CHAPTER I.

#### INTRODUCTORY.

I SHALL not go back to the scenes of my childhood, nor attempt to give any further account of my personal history than the few particulars which have a direct bearing on the most marvellous events of my life; namely my journey to Theopolis, and my brief sojourn among its enlightened and interesting inhabitants.

In the Autumn of 18—, I set sail for New Zealand, accompanied by my only sister, Amy, then in her nineteenth year. Our voyage at first was very prosperous, but when we had arrived at — degrees of south latitude, we encountered so violent a storm, and one of such long continuance, that after battling with it stoutly for some days, we at last began to lose all hopes of ever seeing land again. Our ship indeed still drifted madly on before the wind, but it had long been evident that we were quite out of our course, of which for some days no reckoning had even been attempted. At length the wind fell, and the sea was comparatively calm. Yet still the ship drifted on almost as rapidly as before. Upon my asking our captain the reason of this, he pointed to a hazy appearance on either side of us, and said it was evident



we had entered the current of some mighty river. Of this we were soon all convinced. The haze on either side deepened in colour and strengthened in outline, till it assumed the welcome tint and form of undulating hills and sloping banks, clothed with rich foliage and pasture. And here and there we thought we could discern something that reminded us of the spires and homes of merry England. No; the telescope did *not* deceive me. It *was* a spire that rose above yon clump of trees! And now, to our inexpressible delight, we descry before us the prospect of a noble city. The river was, in that part which we were now approaching, lined with shipping, and our course became more and more difficult. At length we dropped anchor, and put off for the shore. We were once again among the habitations

and the hum of men. And wonderful beyond belief! the language which reached our ears, though mingled with much that was foreign to us, had here and there an English sound and meaning. We could almost have fancied that we had landed somewhere below our own London Bridge, but that the river we were quitting was so beautifully clear, and the buildings on its banks, even to the wharfs and warehouses, were of so superior a style of architecture.

Hunger and exhaustion for a time prevailed over curiosity, but when our bodily wants were supplied, we were all eager in our endeavours to ascertain the name and situation of the place to which we had been so unexpectedly conveyed. The result of my own investigation into these and other particulars, (an investigation

slowly pursued at first, while I acquired that part of the language which was not quite English according to *my* standard,) will be found in the following chapters.