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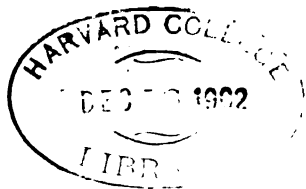
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PREFACE

IN the new issue of this series the single volume originally devoted to Central America, the West Indies, and South America is replaced by two, each somewhat larger than their predecessor. The very ample additional space thus secured has been found no more than sufficient to embody the more important results of the numerous scientific expeditions made to almost every part of Latin America during the last two decades by Whymper, Conway, Fitzgerald, Crevaux, Thouar, im Thurn, Rodway, Ehrenreich, von den Steinen, Reiss, Church, Stübel, Ball, Brigham, Hill, Romero, Thompson, Seler, and many other distinguished geographers, archaeologists, naturalists, and anthropologists. Many of the discoveries were of a fundamental character, profoundly modifying the views hitherto prevailing on such questions as the tectonic constitution, both of Central and South America, the West Indian orographic systems, the distribution of plants and animals over the whole area, the cradle and primitive migrations of Caribs and Arawaks; the ethnical relations of Toltecs, Aztecs, and Mayas, of

Quichuas (Peruvians) and Aymaras (Bolivians), the origin of the marvellous Tiahuanaco monuments, and of other remains of native American culture. Attention has also been claimed by the recent political changes in the West Indies, by frontier questions, as between British Guiana and Venezuela, and between Chili and Argentina, by inter-oceanic ship-canal projects, by transcontinental railway schemes, and by the altered economic conditions, especially in Mexico, Chili, Brazil, and Argentina. All these transformations called for adequate treatment, if only to show that in the New World, material and moral progress is no longer confined to "Anglo-Saxon America," and that henceforth the Hispano-Lusitanian commonwealths enter into the comity of the other cultured nations on a footing of absolute equality and independence.

In distributing the subject matter over these two volumes, it has been found convenient to deviate somewhat from the usual arrangement. Thus the European colonies in South America—British, Dutch, and French Guiana—have been transferred to the volume on Central America and the West Indies, with which they have always been popularly associated as well as intimately connected in their history, traditions, commercial and ethnical relations. The arrangement has the further advantage of giving a distinct unity to the present volume, to which is reserved the whole of the South American continent, so far as it

forms a political domain complete in itself, and independent of all Foreign Powers.

The publisher is indebted to Dr. F. P. Moreno for the use of some of his excellent photographs of Argentina and Patagonia; to Sir Martin Conway for the illustrations of Illimani; to Mr. F. A. A. Simons for those in the chapters on Colombia; and to Mr. Pilditch of the Puerto Cabello and Valencia Railway Company for those relating to Venezuela. Mr. Whymper has kindly consented to the reproduction of the view of Chimborazo and Cotopaxi from his *Travels amongst the Great Andes of the Equator*, and the view of Aconcagua is taken by permission from Mr. Fitzgerald's *The Highest Andes*. The photographs of Rio de Janeiro are from Messrs. Spooner's Series, and a number of other coast towns have been illustrated from photographs by Mr. Boote of Buenos Ayres.

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