

enlightened enterprise of various departments under the American Government has already done a great deal. During the last ten or fifteen years various surveys of different portions of the region have been carried on, and a voluminous series of maps and reports has been issued embodying the results of the explorations. Through the courteous liberality of these departments, for which on all occasions I am anxious to express my gratitude and admiration, I had received copies of most of their publications. The descriptions of King, Hayden, Powell, Gilbert, Dutton, Emmons, Hague, Marvine, Endlich and others, and the remarkable drawings of Holmes, had made me in some respects familiar with the general aspects of the scenery and geological structure of the region. From these works it was evident that questions over which we had been fighting so long in Europe were finally settled by Nature herself in America, after a fashion admitting of no more cavil. It was well worth while to make a journey to the far West to see with one's own eyes the demonstration for which one had longed on this side of the Atlantic. And this was what I now had determined to do, with the companionship of an old friend of kindred tastes, Mr. Henry Drummond, of the New College, Glasgow, who from first to last shared in the work and smoothed the little privations of the journey.

Of the travelling westward, now made so familiar and comparatively easy by the various rival railroad companies, little need be said here. There is an early and late feature of it, however, to which reference may be made, partly in the hope that every renewed protest against an abuse, as offensive to many of our cousins on the other side as to a visitor from the old country, may help towards its ultimate suppression. Hardly is the traveller out of New York than