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DOBSON. "And he calls out among our òan men, 'The land belongs to the people.'"

DORA. "And what did *you* say to that?"

DOBSON. "'Well,' I says, 's'pose my pig's the land, and you says it belongs to the parish, and there be a thousand i' the parish, taakin' in the women and childer; and s'pose I kills my pig and gi'es it among 'em, why there wudn't be a dinner for nawbody, and I should ha' lost the pig.'"

*The Promise of May.*—TENNYSON.

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## PREFACE

THE whole of this volume was not originally written with the view of publication in its present form. The material facts in Chapter IV. have been contributed by me to various publications, while the outlines of Chapter V. were prepared in the early part of 1891, when called upon to advise General Booth as to the organization and future work of the Hadleigh Farm Colony. The plan of colonization explained in Chapter VIII. was drawn up in the summer of 1892 at the request of certain friends interested in colonization, who were acquainted with the special information I had bearing upon that subject.

Having, however, consented to publish the results of my experience on the various matters herein considered, I have entirely re-written my notes, and have embodied recent experience on all the matters mentioned. The greater part of Chapter II. appeared in the *Contemporary Review* for March 1893, but with that exception no other portion has been in print in the form in which it now appears.

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