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I have great pleasure in taking advantage of your kind permission to inscribe this book to you, and in acknowledging the generous interest you have taken in the progress of the story, and in those pages in which I have faintly sketched that charming retreat within whose hospitable walls I have spent so many happy hours. Pray accept my grateful recollections, and allow me to remain,

Ever sincerely yours,

THE AUTHOR.

LICHFIELD HOUSE, RICHMOND, SURREY,
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