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PREFACE.

The first portion of the present work has already appeared in Paris under the title of "A Travers le Monde" (Frédéric Gittler, publisher), and in Germany under that of "Kreuz und Quer durch die Welt" (Leipzig, Oswald Mutze), also in abridged form in England, as "Occult Experiences" (London, Office of *Light*).

The second portion is new, and I hope that the book will meet with as favourable a reception in the United States, where I have lived for the last five years, as has been the case in the above-mentioned countries.

I am a devotee of experimental occultism as understood by Professor Zöllner of Leipzig, the late Dr. du Prel of Munich, and Baron Hellenbach of Vienna, and I hold the view that in our age Natural Science can only be convinced as to the existence of a Future Life by experiment.

I am well aware that Theosophy is familiar

with the phenomena of Spiritualism, and acknowledges them and expects them to exist, but Theosophy has to do only with ethics, philosophy, and its own practical development; and I hold that as yet we have not arrived at this stage of advancement.

The academic science of to-day still disputes the basis, the very existence of these phenomena, but every little contribution adds to the great structure of Truth.

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