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WRITTEN BY THE LATE

EARL OF BEACONSFIELD

IN 1830 AND 1831

'Absence is often a great element of charm'

Endymion

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PREFACE



IN placing the following letters of my Brother before the public, I would remind the reader that they are strictly 'Home Letters' written home by one who was seeking by change of scene and climate to re-establish his health, which had been severely taxed. I mention this merely to account for the frequent allusion made to his tardy recovery.

More than fifty years ago travelling was an event in a man's life ; hence many of the personal details, meant only for the interest and amusement of the home fireside. But there is

another interest attached to these letters. Some of them contain accounts of adventures and vivid descriptions written with that easy and flowing style which few could imitate, which were afterwards used by him to heighten the interest of one of his early tales.

I have not thought fit to omit these passages, feeling it were better to leave the letters in their entirety, thereby giving the true and genuine picture of my Brother's travel.

RALPH DISRAELI.

April 19, 1885.