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yet been few, one can hardly fail to go here and there astray, that he must needs miss much by the way, and that a few steps to either side would sometimes have brought him out of the cloud of doubt and uncertainty through which at the time no outlet could be seen, will by none be more frankly admitted than by the traveller himself. Yet in spite of these mishaps, he may believe that on the whole his journey has been a progress in the right direction, and that even his errors may not be without their use in pointing out the right track to other explorers. Such at least is the hope in which I lay these chapters before my brethren of the hammer."