

Introductory.

“ If it were done, when 'tis done,
Then 'twere well it were done quickly.”—SHAKESPEARE.

ALTHOUGH, unlike Macbeth's dastard deed, it was not done quickly, yet it is done, and *well* done. The Great Bridge, after thirteen years weary waiting and anxious watching, is at last finished, and of the thousands who will cross this broad pathway which connects the two cities, we venture to assert not one will disagree with us in the statement that it is “well done;” and when generation after generation shall have passed to “that bourne from whence no traveler e'er returns,” our Great Bridge will still stand, enduring as the Pyramids, and as a monument of the greatest engineering work the world has ever seen.

In the preparation of this little book, our object has been to give our friends at a distance as clear and correct an idea as possible of this great structure.

Our views were taken by the camera. These photographs were redrawn by careful, trained artists, and their drawings reproduced and reduced to the present size by photo engraving.

If our friends derive as much pleasure in perusing this little work as we have in its preparation, we shall be at least gratified.

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