

As may be seen by the foregoing data, the Fresnillo mines have given rich returns. Its metals, although of low produce, are so abundant, or rather, it may be said, so inexhaustible, its administration is so economical and so well regulated, and all its circumstances are so analogous with a well-conducted mercantile or industrial undertaking, that it is not subject to the ordinary vicissitudes of mining affairs. It may, accordingly, be asserted, that the Fresnillo will continue to give to its shareholders an annual income of, at least, from three hundred to four hundred thousand dollars.

## PART V.

### REVIEW OF MEXICO.

## LETTER XLIII.

THE CITY AND THE DESERT.

*Mexico, 24th Sept., 1849.*

THE time of our leaving Mexico, and our many kind and hospitable friends, and of breaking up the truly agreeable society which we have enjoyed here, is now drawing near. Indeed, we have already lost our two principal "*Tertulianos*," and one of our most agreeable friends. By the packet of the 13th of July, Mr. Falconnet and the Marquis de Raddepont took their departure; and Mr. B—, on the 31st of August, commenced a tour on a scale not much known in Europe. He was to proceed, by the City of Tepic, to the ports of San Blas and Mazatlan, on the Pacific. Thence by steamer, he was to coast the whole of that ocean, touching at Acapulco, Panama, and Guayaquil, remaining some time in Lima; and on, by the intermediate ports of Peru (Pisco, Arica, Islay, etc.), to Coquimbo and Valparaiso,