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WHO BY REPEATED VICTORIES
DEFENDED CONSCIENCE AND COUNTRY
AGAINST THE ENGLISH OPPRESSORS OF BOTH
AND WHO ON THAT ACCOUNT
WHILE ON A MILITARY MISSION TO SPAIN
WAS POISONED AT VALLADOLID
ANNO DOMINI MDCII.

BY AN ASSASSIN AVOWEDLY SENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
ROBERT CECIL, EARL OF SALISBURY
ELIZABETH BOLEYN BEING QUEEN IN ENGLAND

PREFACE

THIS is not the poem of a rebel. Rebellion implies government. The thing which infests Ireland has been called a cancer. It is not a government.

This is not the book of an enemy of the English nation. I have always sought the welfare of the masses of the English people.

This is not the fabrication of a partisan. All is historical fact in the present as in the past. I have placed in the mouth of the Masters the denunciation of the Huns and Vandals of Tudor and Cromwell. I have not concealed the O'Connellite imposture nor the poor pretence of Parnellism.

Neither have I passed unnoticed that un-