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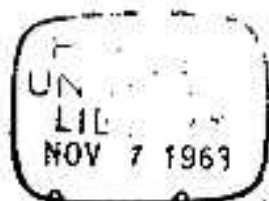
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PREFACE.

THE following work is the substance of a series of papers in "The Churchman's Monthly Review," which are reprinted at the request of several of the readers of that publication. It is the result of some research in a part of our history which is much spoken of, but, it is to be feared, little studied at present; should it prove useful, in however humble a measure, to the cause of Protestantism, my labour will be amply repaid.

WM. OSBURN.

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CHAPTER I.

FOUNDATION OF THE ORDER OF THE JESUITS.

THE year 1521 is a notable epoch in the annals of Christianity. In that year Martin Luther, full of the Spirit and clothed with the panoply of God, stood before the Diet of Worms, the most exalted and powerful assembly of princes in the world, and, by witnessing a good confession there, planted the standard of God's truth upon the citadel of the empire, from whence its enemies have never yet been able to tear it down. But we must leave the plains of Saxony for the ravines of the Pyrenees, and turn from the Diet of Worms to the siege of Pampeluna. For, strange to tell, in that year also another event occurred which in its influence upon the religion of Europe yields not at all to the Reformation itself. The siege of Pampeluna, in 1521, was an occurrence in itself of no importance