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### PREFATORY NOTE.

THE present volume on the GREAT SOCIAL EVIL embodies the results of personal observation and study of the subject, extending over many years. As stated in the Introduction, I published a pamphlet on the same question in 1843. In the course of a few days, the first edition of 1000 copies was sold; this was followed by a second of 2000 copies; after which a third edition of 4000 was issued; in a short time, however, the pamphlet was out of print. Since then I have been frequently requested to reproduce it, but felt reluctant to plunge again into the uninviting and appalling theme. As attention, however, is now being more generally directed to the question, I have thought that good might result from my again publishing on the subject, and in a more enlarged form.

In addition to notes of personal investigation regarding the evil in different cities and towns in the United Kingdom, this volume contains official and other communications, with original and selected contributions by able writers, all bearing on the causes and extent of prostitution, the results which it produces, and the means which might be advantageously employed for its prevention and suppression. This exposure of the evil may, it is hoped, in addition to other services, tend to give juster views of the whole bearings of this perplexing question, and lead to more energetic and enlightened effort in the way of dealing successfully with the problems which it involves.

To Colonel Henderson, C.B., of the Metropolitan Police; Major Greig, C.B., of the Liverpool Police; Chief Constable

M<sup>c</sup>Call, of the Glasgow Police; Superintendent Dewar, of the Greenock Police, and other Police Officials in different parts of the kingdom, I feel deeply indebted for the communications with which I have been favoured, relating to the present extent of Prostitution, and for the statistical information, from authentic sources, which they have enabled me to lay before the public. I have also gratefully to record my acknowledgments to several authors, publishers, and others, through whose kindness I have been permitted to enrich my pages with so many valuable contributions. I feel specially indebted to the Rev. Dr. John S. Wardlaw, Principal of the Mission College, St. John's Wood, London, for his kindness in allowing me to quote from the Lectures of his honoured father, and to the family of the late Professor Miller of Edinburgh University, for the liberty afforded me of giving his views, originally published in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*.

Owing to the interest excited in the recent discussions regarding the operations of the Contagious Diseases Acts, which have a direct bearing on the subject of this volume, it has been deemed advisable to indicate briefly the views of several Members of the House of Commons, and of the Rev. Dr. Robert Buchanan, on this important question.

I now submit these pages to the public, in the hope that they may be regarded as embodying some facts that require to be known in regard to the Social Evil, and that the views and suggestions indicated may prove useful and practical to zealous workers engaged in the suppression of this widespread vice and the reclamation of its miserable victims.

W. L.

GLASGOW, April, 1871.

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