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## NOTE

*THE author has experienced some difficulty in finding an appropriate title for the three stories and the two short plays which make up this little volume. The first appeared in 1895 in Cosmopolis, the second was printed in a child's annual called The Parade, and the third was a contribution to a Christmas number of The Saturday Review. The play, "A Repentance," on its production at the St James's Theatre, received the highest encouragement from some critics, and no understanding at all from others. Such a reception is, perhaps, inevitable in the case of an historical study—indeed, in the case of any careful study, whether dealing with contemporary manners, or old-fashioned politics,*

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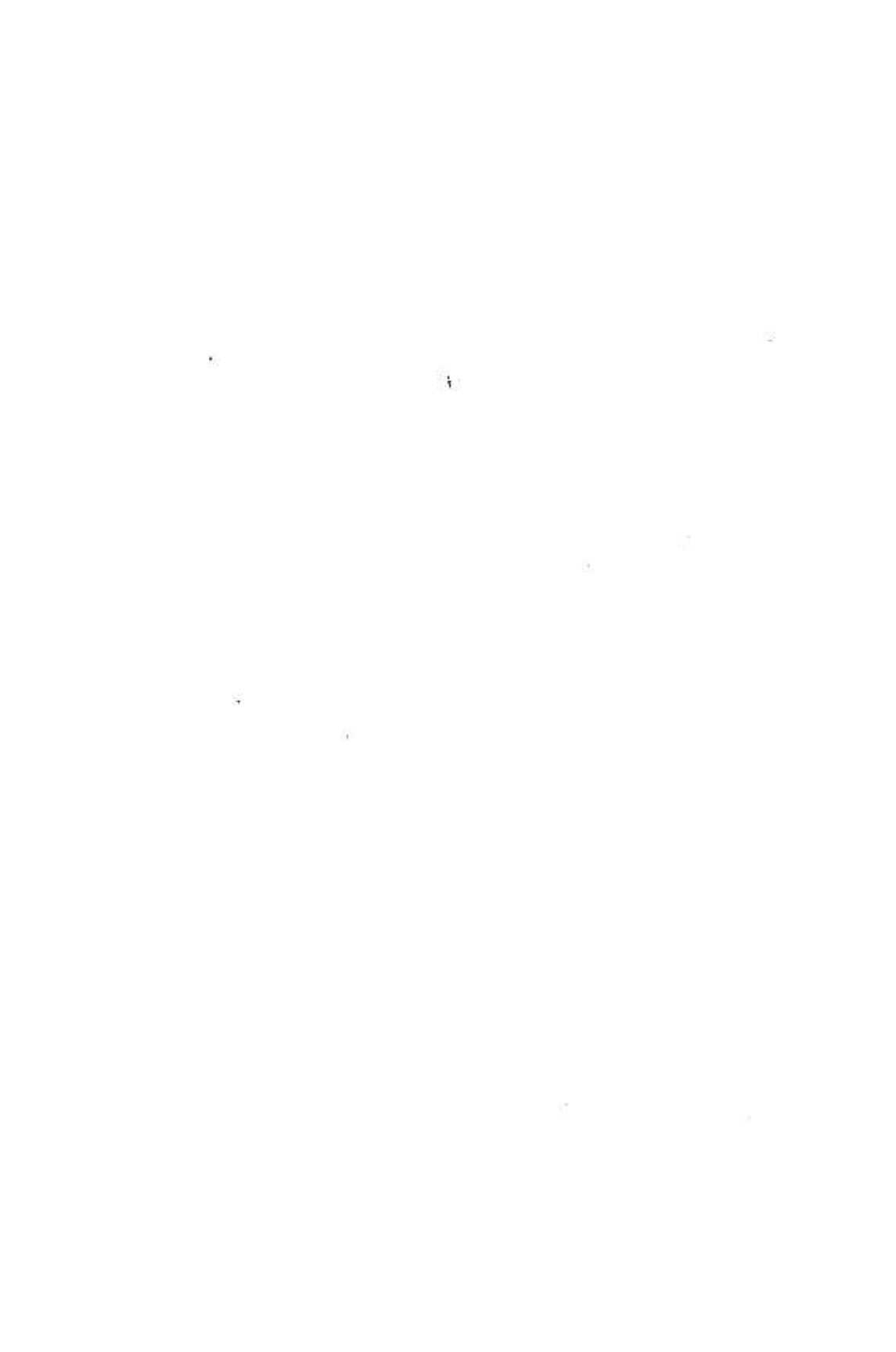
*or eternal truths, or passing prejudices. "A Repentance" is not about English people—the point of view is not an English point of view—and for this reason, among others, its spirit has been more acceptable to Spanish, French, and Italian readers than to those who, with many perfect gifts, cannot bring themselves to desire any knowledge of foreigners, any better acquaintance with souls not immediately conventional, according to Anglo-Saxon patterns. The author hopes, however, that the many feelings excited by the present war may help many to comprehend events which took place, and painful situations which, beyond doubt, occurred during the Carlist agitation in 1869. The proverb in one act, "Journeys end in Lovers Meeting," written for Miss Ellen Terry, was founded on a French play, but the whole dialogue and treatment are purely original.*

August 1901.



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