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PREFACE.

T is a sincere pleasure to write a short preface to this little volume, in order to commend it specially to the notice

of those interested in the young.

"The Story of the Reformation" is one which Protestant England cannot afford to forget. But, unfortunately, historical events, however well known to the mind, lose very much of their reality through lapse of time. And it is to be feared that the grievous state of things before the Reformation, the terrible scenes which were needful to bring about a change, as well as a right sense of the improvement effected, are fast fading away, as to their reality, from the minds of people of the present day. They happened too long ago to have the influence they ought to have. And as a consequence, it is all the easier for misguided persons to be led in a backward and Rome-ward direction, as is now so lamentably the case. 7

But the chief remedy for the evil is to make as vivid as possible the facts connected with the Reformation. Those who understand all that the Reformation means will be slow to return to doctrines and practices which made a Reformation necessary.

And it is so important that these should be put into a form which can be easily understood by the young, because upon their having a right knowledge of this subject depends the future religious well-being of our land.

It is this which is the aim of the writer of this little volume; and it is to be fervently hoped that many faithful minds may by its means, under God, be led to a simple faith in Christ, to a more clear understanding of the simplicity of true religion, and to the avoidance of the slightest approach to the errors of Popery, even under the mask of Anglican ritualism.

ERNEST BOYS.