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## PREFACE.

It is a singular phenomenon that whilst the excellence of the Christian morality is admitted by the Infidel and the Rationalist ; the dogma and the faith out of which this morality springs, is hated and calumniated ; and yet the wonder remains to be explained how so pure a morality should have its source in a faith so hateful to the infidel. The morality that proceeds from " free thought " in religion and " free intelligence " has convulsed Europe, and has not made it happy. But that Modern Infidelity is not altogether without excuse in its great revolt against a corrupt Christianity, it has been the object of the following pages to show. These Essays are in part the result of observations

made during various extensive journies on the Continent which the author undertook, partly at his own expense, and partly at the expense of an English Missionary Society, for which he entertains the highest respect as being a useful instrument in the hands of the Great Head of the Church, for the propagation of truth amongst a most singular and interesting people, in whom, the Author believes, the future welfare and prosperity of the Church of Christ are much involved.

*Trieste, June 21, 1851.*

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