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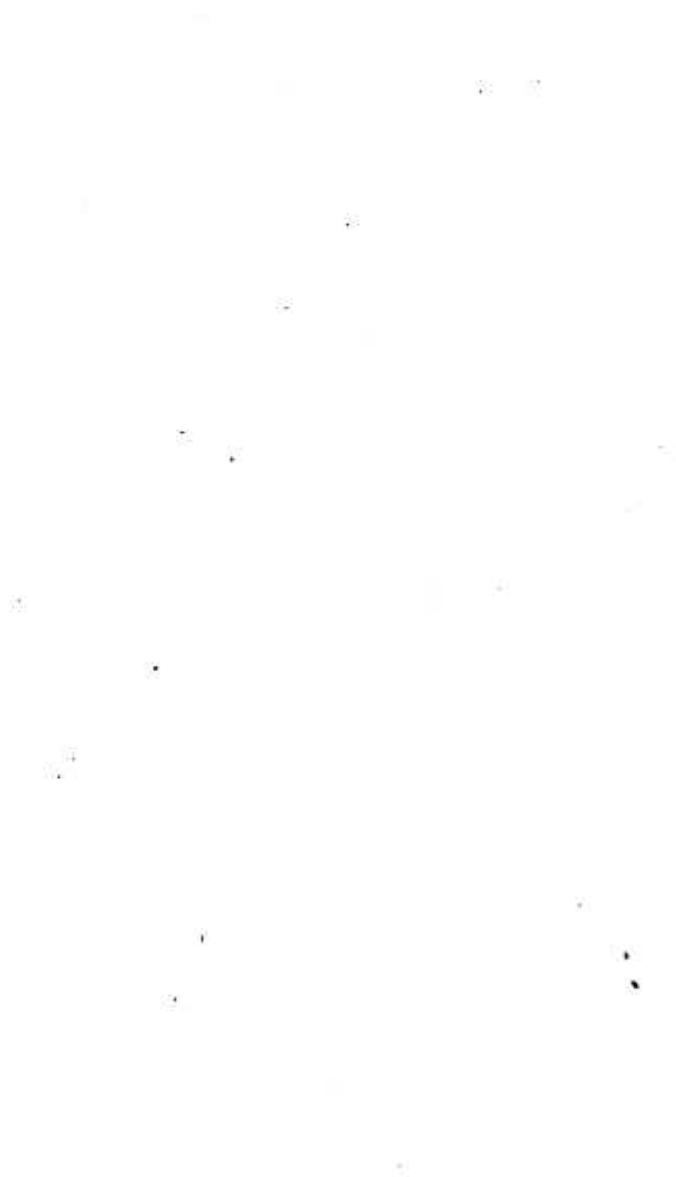


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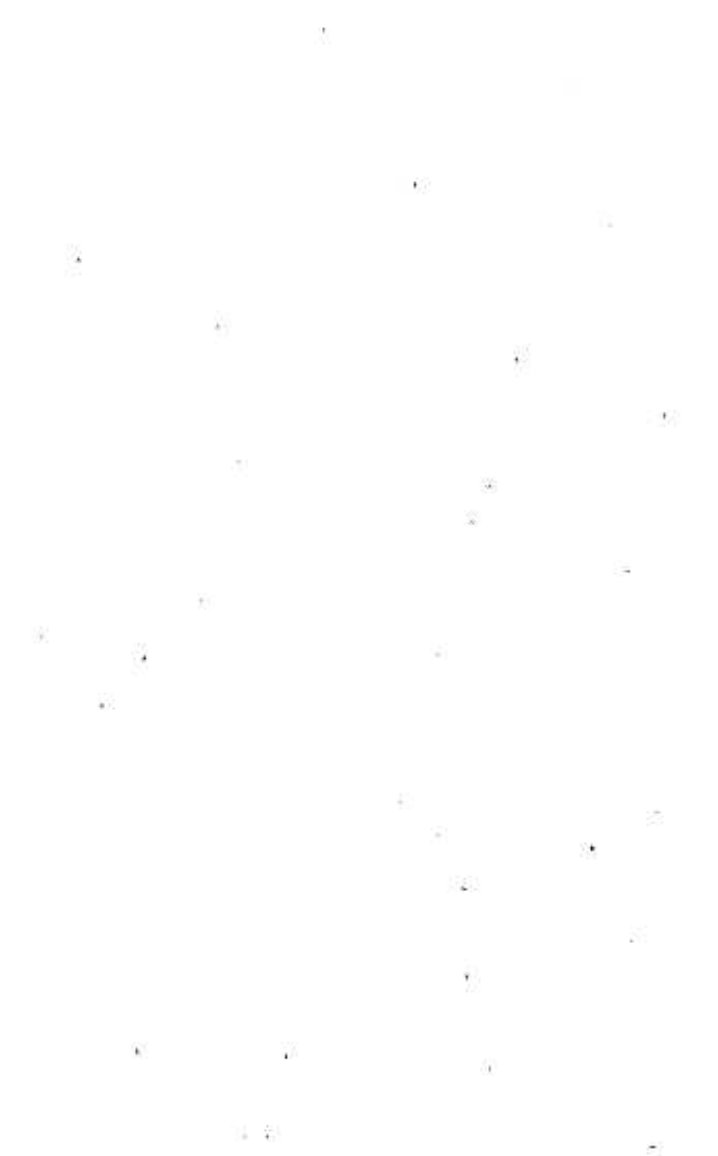
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P R E F A C E .

THE following slight papers, written several years ago, during intervals of professional work, are published in the hope that I may be enabled to relieve a few cases of cruel privation silently and bravely borne.

The visit of Her Majesty to the Borders in 1867, and the celebration of the Scott Centenary, which takes place this year, may be deemed to lend something more than a passing interest to the first paper. The others touch with a light hand some of the social problems which agitate our times and demand solution. On the vexed question of "Compulsory Education," while my views abstractedly remain unchanged, I am bound to confess they have undergone considerable modification since I came to Leicester; but I still see no hope of

vanquishing the evils which national ignorance entails, unless we adopt the principle, carrying it out with the greatest prudence, delicacy, and discretion. In the matter of Art, I may have expressed myself a little too strongly; but it must be remembered that while other nations, conspicuously the French, have turned it into an instrument of corruption, the mass of our people have never as yet felt its elevating and refining influences. I must add that, although I have not thought it expedient to include in this little volume any papers of an exclusively religious cast, my great and chief hope, for the deliverance of this nation and humanity from the portentous evils that afflict them, centres in the Christian Church and the Christian School—the church and school in which Christ is the life of doctrine and the law of action.

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Her Majesty's Visit
to the
Bardonia,
August 21, 1867.