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PREFACE.

THE following pages require but little by way of preface. They were written nearly four years ago, with a view to publication in another form; but, although half the period fixed by Horatian prescript has thus nearly elapsed, they have undergone no alteration either in arrangement or substance. The object of the author was, to present a short but complete outline of the history of Protestantism in Spain; a subject on which, at that time, only one book—and that much more comprehensive in its purpose—was conveniently within the reach of the English reader. Since then, a translation of De

Castro's *Historia de los Protestantes Espanoles* has been published in London, and still more recently one of another work on the same subject and by the same author. In neither of them, however, has the writer of the present volume met with any new information which could have materially, if it all, improved it, had such been in existence at the time it was written. He need hardly acknowledge his great obligations to Dr. McCrie's *History of the Reformation in Spain* (the work above referred to), as nothing of any worth could be written on this subject, without being more or less indebted to that accurate and elegant work. The extent of these obligations is only partially indicated by the references made to it in the foot-notes. Its *chief* use, however, has been to guide to the original sources of information, which have been consulted and followed in nearly every instance referred to in the notes, and in many others where acknowledgment has not been deemed necessary. Whilst avoiding a lengthy parade of references, enough have been given to show that, whatever may be the faults or short-

comings of the book, they have not arisen from wilful avoidance of labour on the part of the writer. Fortunately, however, the facts contained in the narrative possess an intrinsic interest, which cannot be materially lessened by the other defects which belong to it, and of which few will discover more than himself.

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