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TO MY WIFE



## PREFATORY NOTE.

THE Protestant Reformation has proved a favorite theme with church historians, and to name or even to enumerate the volumes that have been written on the subject would be of itself a large undertaking. The interest felt by a great company of readers in this particular era and its special attractiveness to historical writers—facts amply attested by the existence of a vast and rapidly increasing literature—is a circumstance so well recognized and clearly understood that the writer feels that the briefest explanation or apology will suffice to account for the appearance of an additional book.

As subjects of study, the men who played the leading parts in the great drama of the Reformation are more interesting than the events in which they figured. The chief interest in the German Reformation centers about Luther; in the Scottish Reformation, about Knox; in the Swiss Reformation, about Zwingli or Calvin, according as attention is directed to the German-speaking or French-speaking portion of that country. That Luther fully deserves the large measure of consideration accorded him by historians, and the affectionate veneration in which his name is held