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## PREFACE

*In offering this little book of travel to the public I do not claim to have written an exhaustive survey of the Spanish provinces through which I have passed : that would be a labour, not of weeks, but of years. This volume has no pretensions, and I trust it will be understood that whatever has been set down in its pages consists merely of impressions that fixed themselves on my mind during a very hurried journey.*

*My love for Spain, however, has so developed, that I hope some day to give the world a deeper study of that beautiful country, and one more worthy of its fascinating people than this collection of sketches.*

R. T.

