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PREFACE.

A PERUSAL of this work will, it is hoped, sufficiently justify its *raison d'être*. We are not aware that the modernized Goliath, Jeroboam, and Apion have condescended to offer the Jew an apology for rough treatment. We shall, however, let our readers judge whether, in our critical strictures, we for one moment have deviated from the beaten highway pointed out by historical facts. We have earnestly endeavored to give to Cæsar what is Cæsar's; but we have not hesitated in restoring to Jehovah what is unquestionably His. Let there be no doubt as to the relation of Judaism to mankind. In the interest of truth and justice we should combine our efforts to repel baneful aggression, to clear the Jewish name of calumny, define our position as the lineal descendants of the patriarchs, and emphatically reiterate our message to the race. As faithful Jews our mission is great and glorious. The pressing duty of the hour is to teach the son of Israel to know and respect himself, to distinguish between the humane and the inhuman non-Jew, and to live up to the ideas and the ideals of an illustrious ancestry. A plain statement of "Jewish Dreams and Realities" contrasted with "Islamitic and Christian Claims," while it is likely to strike here and there a discordant note in the heart of intolerant zealotism, may at the same time contribute to strengthen that growing cordiality which of late brightens the intercourse between progressive Judaism and enlightened Christianity.

In writing these pages fairness, candor, and veracity have been steadily kept in view. Whether justice has been done to all topics touched upon is not for us to decide. A general but brief survey naturally precludes exhaustive treatment. Our claim rises no higher than to have satisfied a good motive; and whatever the effect this book may produce on the reader, its industrious elaboration has left the author a happier son of his race.

H. I.

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