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PREFACE.

THE title of this volume is strictly indicative of its contents. My object has been to present, in a popular style, a series of sketches of some important transactions in the history of the Middle Ages, which, as elsewhere observed, stand apart, in motive and conduct, from the common history of nations; —and to present them so as to invite a comparison of those motives and actions with the doctrines and precepts of Divine Revelation. In addition to this, I have aimed at producing a work of comparatively small bulk, and at a price not beyond the reach of the many to whom this description of literature may bear an inviting aspect.

In pursuance of these designs, I have found it desirable to pass slightly over those merely con-

necting events which, in a full and complete *history* only, would require more elaborate consideration; and also, to leave almost untouched some collateral subjects, which such a history must, necessarily, have embodied. But what may be looked upon as lost in completeness, has probably been gained in simplicity and perspicuity; and—having omitted nothing that seemed essential to my plan—I trust that the following pages will convey to the reader a clear, correct, and vivid impression of the subject of which they treat.

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