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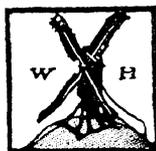
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PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

THE issue of a one-volume edition gives me the opportunity of thanking the public and the critics for their kindly reception of this chart of a *terra incognita*, and of restoring the original sub-title, which is a reply to some criticisms upon its artistic form. The book is intended as a study through typical figures of a race whose persistence is the most remarkable fact in the history of the world, the faith and morals of which it has so largely moulded. At the request of numerous readers I have reluctantly added a glossary of 'Yiddish' words and phrases, based on one supplied to the American edition by another hand. I have omitted only those words which occur but once and are then explained in the text; and to each word I have added an indication of the language from which it was drawn. This may please those who share Mr. Andrew Lang's and Miss Rosa Dartle's desire for information. It will be seen that most of these despised words are pure Hebrew; a language which never died off the lips of men, and which is the medium in which books are written all the world over even unto this day.

I. Z.

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