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PREFACE.

IN presenting this little volume to the public, I may truly say that I am actuated by no other motive than a deep solicitude for the spiritual and temporal welfare of a people, whose past history and future destiny are alike calculated to enlist the sympathy both of the Christian and the philanthropist. Situate in the very centre of hordes of untutored Pagans and degraded Mahomedans, Abyssinia seems marked out by its geographical position to become the focus from whence light and knowledge, commerce and civilisation, are yet to radiate over enthralled and benighted Equatorial Africa.

The special object of my visit to that country was the evangelization of that remnant of Israel, known by the name of *Falashas*; but this did not prevent me from coming in continual contact with every other class of people, and what I saw, as well as the impressions made on my mind, I have faithfully written down in the following pages.