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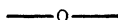
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P R E F A C E.



THE object of this work is to represent Galilee as it was in the time of our Lord. To do this will be, the author feels, a special service to many who are desirous of learning all that can be known of the earthly life of Christ. In fairness to the reader, it should be stated that the substance of this volume appeared as an Essay in 1874, which met with a very flattering reception in England, Germany, and America. The text for the present edition has been thoroughly revised and partly re-written. It is published now in the hope that the perusal of these pages will lead some minds to appreciate more forcibly than they have ever done before that the country where the Master appeared was Divinely chosen for that purpose, and that its natural features symbolise in a great degree both the beauty and the strength of the Christian Religion.

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