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PREFACE.

These few prefatory remarks are only to anticipate the many critical remarks, which I have, in a manner, invited by the following pages, and to make the best excuse I can for myself, notwithstanding, "qui s'excuse s'accuse."

Part II. consists chiefly of abridged extracts from the 3rd Edition of "The People's Blue Book,"—published in 1862, the 1st Edition of which was published in 1857, and the 2nd Edition within one month afterwards.

I now, for the first time, acknowledge myself the Author of that book, my reason for withholding my name being, simply, the fear that, it was premature in time and startling in effect, and, therefore, would bring upon the Author much abuse and no credit.

That fear was well founded, for the abuse was unbounded.

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I now confess, that was a mean fear, and I prefer the rule of the great Latin Orator;—
"Ne quid abjecte, ne quid timide, facias;" being satisfied that I am observing the condition;—"Ne quid falsi dicere audeat, ne quid veri non audeat."

I wish I could think that, I shall have credit, even for this, from those who differ with me. But I am content to leave the question on its own merits. The book has worked its own way.

A great many copies found their way Abroad; to the Continent of Europe, to the United States of America from New Orleans to New York,—to Canada and California, to the East Indies and to the West Indies, to Australia, New Zealand and other Colonies.

And if the criticisms of the London Press were not complimentary, there was compensation in a Letter to the Author from the late Count Cavour, who expressed his hope that he might live to carry out the New System of Taxation of "The People's Blue Book," in the new Kingdom of United Italy.

I took the trouble to re-write the 3rd Edition, the changes in the mean time having

altered all the figures. But the last was the best, and that was out of print a few weeks after its publication.

A 4th Edition has been called for, but I have declined the further trouble and expense, for the cost of paper and printing was nearly double the price of the book, so fixed to bring it within the Peoples' reach.

The book has done its work, and I have no intention of ever taking the trouble of another Edition; therefore, the present notice is not intended as an advertisement.

My reason for now avowing the Authorship is simply this:—I could not, as an anonymous writer, answer Mr. John Stuart Mill's pamphlet,—"England and Ireland."

I highly respect Mr. Mill, but I do not always agree with him in opinion, and I differ with him essentially in his views for the relief of the distress in Ireland.

My opinion is that, the principles set forth in "The People's Blue Book," would be the most effectual remedy, which can be devised for the relief of distress in Ireland and in every other part of the Kingdom. That being my opinion, I have made free with my own work to save my own trouble, and the following pages are the result.

CHAª TENNANT.

 Richmond Terrace, Whitehall. June 1st, 1868.