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Together with Other Pieces Attributed to
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by
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PREFACE

Among our most admired hymns are those which begin, "For thee, O dear, dear country" and "Jerusalem the Golden." They are made out of John Mason Neale's translation of 235 lines of the long poem by Bernard, the monk of Cluny, "On Scorn of the World." Few have any idea of the character of the original poem, nor how much Neale unintentionally misled when, by calling his translation the *Rhythm of Bernard de Morlaix on the Celestial Country*, he led us to suppose that he had translated a complete poem of Bernard's, or that the lines he so beautifully renders are a fair specimen of the rest of Bernard's poem. In order that those who had no access to the original might find out this I have thought it worth while to have Mr. Henry Preble make a complete translation of it, of other writings attributed, probably correctly, to Bernard, and also of the prefaces to the old editions of the long poem. To these translations I have prefaced an introduction and bibliography.

It is now more than six years since I began to collect the material of this book. Upon my share of the volume I have put much of my spare time and of my vacations. And it is a great satisfaction to me to say that now I have seen every manuscript of Bernard of Cluny's long poem I ever heard of, except that in the Imperial Library in Vienna. I have also seen every printed edition of the poem there is, every translation into English of any part of it known to me, every book mentioned in the bibliography in the following pages, and every book mentioned in these books which had any bearing on my subject. I have also visited, in the company of my friend, Professor Frank Hugh Foster, of Olivet College, Michigan, the site of the famous monastery (alas, how little is left of it now!) in which Bernard was a monk; the two towns, rivals for the honor of being his birthplace, Morlas, near Pau, in the old kingdom of Béarn, and Morlaix, in Brittany, within sight of the English Channel; and Biddenden in Kent, England, where were born the Maids alluded to by Bernard; also London, Oxford, Saint Omer, Toulouse, and Wolfenbüttel, where MSS are found.

I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Preble for his translations;

the editors and publishers of the *American Journal of Theology* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press), for first accepting as a present and then printing the translation of *De contemptu mundi* in that journal in the numbers for January, April, and July, 1906, and allowing the use of those plates in this volume, and to the manager and readers of the University of Chicago Press for patiently bearing with my delays and inserting my innumerable changes, and for putting this book on its list of publications; and the persons in the libraries of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Columbia University, the British Museum, and the University of Berlin; those in the Bodleian Library in Oxford, and the National Library in Paris. in the city libraries of Saint Omer and Toulouse, and in the Ducal Library of Wolfenbüttel, who allowed me to use the books and manuscripts in their charge. (I did not ask their help. Probably I should have done better if I had received it.)

I am indebted also to the librarian of the Imperial Library of Vienna, and to other continental librarians who so courteously have answered my questions respecting the MSS of the poem, *De contemptu mundi*.

I am also under obligations to my publishers, the University of Chicago Press, for the preparation of the Index.

The footnotes signed "H. P." are Mr. Preble's; all the others are mine, unless expressly stated otherwise.

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