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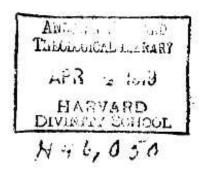
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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

It was Ruskin who divided all books into two classes: into books of the hour and books for all time. To the first belong the great majority of books; to the second, the few and chosen. To the latter belongs Rome and Jerusalem. It is as timely to-day as it was fifty-six years ago, when it first saw the light of day; and, in a sense, even more timely, for Rome and Jerusalem belongs to the very few books which are written in advance of their time.

To-day, when Zionism has grown from a mere dream in the minds of a few, to a great ideal which is the goal of a great organization, and Jewish Nationalism has become a mighty force in Jewish life, the translator feels confident that an English version of Rome and Jerusalem, the herald of Nationalism and trumpet of Zionism, will certainly find a welcome reception among those to whom the future of the Jewish people is a matter of deep concern. For the book bears a message to the Zionist and non-Zionist alike. To the first it supplies the the philosophic basis and the depth of thought which are essential for the conception as well as the realization of his ideal. To the second it furnishes a broader view of Judaism and of the Jewish problem and its solution.

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The translation has been a labor of love. My thanks are due to the Publishers, who have encouraged me to undertake the work, and especially to my friend, Dr. B. A. Elzas, who read the manuscript and offered valuable suggestions.

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TRANSLATOR'S INTRODUCTION

Moses Hess and His Time

Among the many notable Jews which the nineteenth century produced, who have profoundly influenced the course of events of the world history in general, and of Jewry in particular, Moses Hess holds a prominent place. His services on behalf of the Jewish National Movement, he having been the first to supply Jewish Nationalism with a philosophic basis, undoubtedly entitle him to such a place. But his original contribution to Jewish thought, his raising of the Jewish view to the dignity of a world view, elevate him to a much higher plane. Hess, like the Prophets of old, was ahead of his times, and saw dreams and visions in the distant future. And though his own generation did not manifest a proper appreciation of his ideas, still as time passed on and the seeds which he sowed have gradually borne fruit, and the Jewish National Movement, of which he was the Prophet, became a vital force in the life of world Jewry, the writings of Hess have attracted more and more attention. It is especially interesting at the present moment, when we are in the grip of a world war, and are expecting events which may have a lasting effect on the future of Jews and Judaism, to