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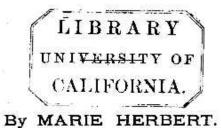
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"England made Shakspears, and the Bibls made England."—Victor Hago. "The first principles of our government are the truths of Divine Bevelation."

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THE AMERICAN PROFILE, INTO WHOSE REETING HAS BEEN PLACED THE MOST SACRED TRUSTS OF CONSCIENCE AND OF GOVERNMENT, AND UPON WHOSE VIRTUE AND WISDOM IS DEFENDING THE SUCCESSFUL SOLUTION OF THE GREAT PROFILEM

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I dedicate this humble volume, as a token of my love of country and of the rights of men.

THE AUTHOR.

New E. P. Payne



# ERRATA.

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Page 10, third line, the "purely spiritual and purely divine" should read "purely spiritual, the purely divine." Same page, eleventh line, "Lessing" should read "Lessing." In the fourteenth line, "could" should read "would."

On page 12, last line, "present hour of civilization have struck conturies ago" should read "present hour of civilization may then have struck conturies ago."

On page 32, eighth line, " Do their fires never die aut with" should read, " Do their fires never die only with."

On page 39, second line, "conflict of all vertainty of ideas" should read, "conflict of all ages, certainty of ideas."

On page 12, thirtieth line, "provided for by their sect." should read, "provided for by this sect."

On page 43, thirtieth line, "demogagq; s, the 'honest, capuble,' " etc., should read

"demagogues, of the 'honest, capable,"
On page 47, thirteenth line, "Heroditus" should read "Heroclitus."

On page 49, twenty-ofth line, " the eternal flow " should read " the eternal flox."

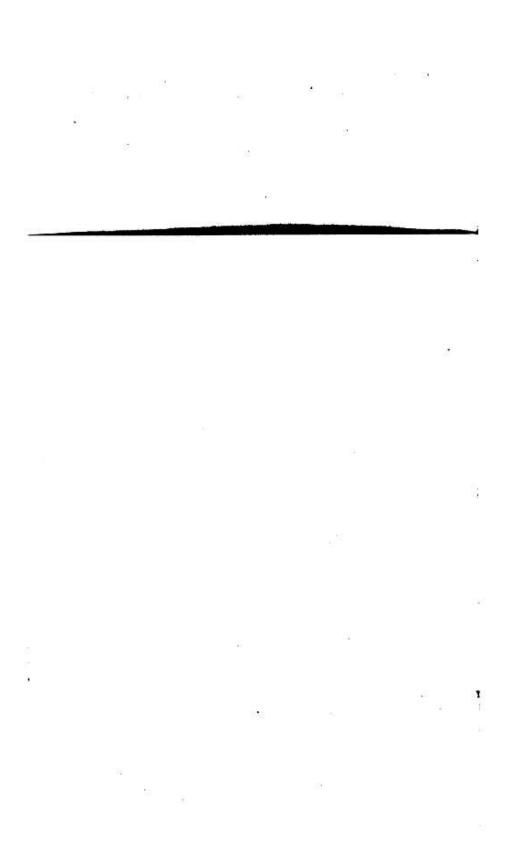
On page 82, twelfth line, "Leaving" should read "Leaving." Twenty-seventh line, "christened by its affections" should read "nonvigited by its affections."

On page 57, sixseenth line, "would not have been" should read "would have been."

On page 59, thirtieth line, "work as simple, and yet as sublime" should read, "work so simple, and yet so sublime."

On page 41, tenth line, "the tendencies of the reachings" should read, "the tendency of her teachings."

On page 55, twelfth line, "the Jewish" should read, "the Jewit!" Sixteenth line, "o Asir iconoclasts" should read, "of these iconoclasts,"





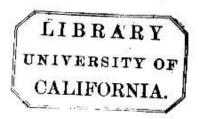
## PREFACE.

Believing that the Bible is a revelation from God, given both for spiritual enlightenment and as a great popular text-book, from which may be drawn a clear knowledge of those ethical principles upon which human society can alone successfully build individual and public character, I have in my spare moments prepared this little volume, which, it is hoped, will be found to contain at least a few grains of truth, and be instrumental in awaking with some a more correct comprehension of the essentiality of the Sacred Scriptures in the developing of a healthy social and civil life.

Political and social reformers are constantly and ostentatiously laboring to correct public abuses, and to impel the race forward toward the ideal; but it is only where the Bible becomes the source of popular inspiration that we find an active reformatory spirit and a permanent progressive movement. And it is this great fact, which I wish to indelibly impress upon the minds of my countrymen, that they may be enabled to discharge with fidelity and with honor those sacred trusts of conscience and of liberty which a beneficent Providence has committed to their care.

The writer is not unconscious of the penalties as well as rewards of authorship. Silence may bring disappointment, and criticism may bring agony of spirit. But having supreme faith in the indestructibility and omnipotence of truth, we scatter the golden kernels in the manner most in consonance with the inspirations of our soul, trusting in the fructifying influences of the gentle dews and wooing sunshine, which ever, in the fullness of the season, bring forth the sheaf, and then the bread.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11, 1875.



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"Tell me where the Bible is, and where it is not, and I will write a moral geography of the world,"

Was significantly remarked by a certain tourist whose observations were not alone confined to art-galleries, museums, old architecture, classic ruin, and historic reminiscence—material expression of buried generations—but were more especially directed to the spiritual manifestations of the present—the character, homes and institutions of the living. The proposition, though embodying an idea popularly recognized as a relic of Puritanism—too antique and dogmatic for this self-sufficient, speculative, and commercial age, is nevertheless fundamental in character, vital in relationship, and broad in its reachings as are the necessities of the common weal; involving as it does, political and social, as well as moral conditions.

Unworthy of consideration though it may be deemed by the sensuous masses, it possesses, notwithstanding, for the statesman equally with the ethologist, a