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PREFACE.

IN making a selection of Heine's prose writings for publication, the translator has been bewildered by an embarrassment of riches. To give only these few pages, while so many delightful passages are omitted, is like culling a flower here and there, while a whole garden of fragrant blossoms is left untouched. A more witty, poetic, and enjoyable style cannot be found in the literature of any country; and it is a matter of surprise that so few of Heine's prose writings have been translated into the English language. So far as I know, the only prose translations hitherto published are "Pictures of Travel," by Mr. Leland, and "Scintillations," by Mr. Stern,—both excellent versions; the latter notably so. The plan I have followed differs materially from that of either. Mr. Leland has translated the "Pictures of Travel" entire, thereby including much matter of little interest to the American reader. On the other hand, by giving brief excerpts, as Mr. Stern does in the latter part of his volume, there is left on the reader's mind an