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EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.

P R E F A C E.



SINCE the late Revolution in Spain, in September 1868, by which a wide and an effectual door was opened for the full and unhidden entrance, or rather precipitate rush, of the glorious gospel of the grace of God, not only upon the shores, but into the very bosom of that country, we have seen many notices as to the influences which were either known or supposed to have been at work, during the years preceding that great political event. But all the notices that have yet seen the light, do not tell a tithe of the true story of that work, which has been wrought out by the wonder-working hand of God.

And the inquiry has arisen,—Ought matters to continue thus; or is it not right to endeavour to raise somewhat the edge of the veil hanging over that history, which God in his Providence had created during the later fetter-bound years of that dark and down-trodden, but now happily emancipated land?

Many reasons have, for a considerable time past, led to the consideration of this matter being dropped. But more recently, it has appeared in a stronger light than ever it did before, that an attempt should be made to present a narrative of the rise and progress of gospel truth in Spain during the seventeen years'

work of the Edinburgh Spanish Evangelization Society, immediately preceding the Revolution of September 1868.

And, in much lowliness of heart, and in simple dependence upon God for help, counsel, and guidance, the attempt has been made, and the result is now presented to the reader in the following pages.

In these pages, it will be fully seen that it is the work of God that we design to set forth, and not the work of man, and that, so as practically to proclaim the Divine utterance,—“Behold what God hath wrought!”

From the mass of matter accumulated on our hands, we found it a very difficult task to make selections, so as to give a fair, yet comprehensive view of the character and extent of the work of the Spanish Mission, in so brief a compass as we desired. In fact, only a small part of what has been effected during these years of work can be noticed in these pages. Were a regular history to be attempted, the material in hand would furnish matter for several large volumes, and be still unexhausted. As we design this work to be comprised within very narrow limits, we have been under the necessity of giving no account of the Society's work in Portugal, Spanish America, and in the other Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries, to all of which, more or less, the Society's work has been extended.

This history is intended to be issued in two volumes, the second under certain conditions, which are the following:—

The entire work being undertaken at the author's own expense, the issue of the second volume must depend upon the expenses of this first volume being covered by the sales.

As soon, therefore, as the author is secured from loss in the issue of the volume, now just published, with a reasonable prospect of securing the expense of the second, the latter will be sent to press, and the publication will be duly advertised in the quarterly periodical—*“Times of Refreshing in Spain.”*

Under these circumstances, this first volume is commended to the interests of the supporters and friends of the Spanish Mission, and to all others who desire to see a written narrative of the Dawn of the Second Reformation in Spain.

This first volume is complete in itself, and embraces the period between the years 1852 and 1863.

