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TO
NICHOLAS THE FIRST,
Prince of Montenegro and the Serbs,
A BRAVE SOLDIER, A PATRIOT PRINCE,
AND
A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN.

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PREFACE.

I owe it to the courtesy of the proprietors of the *Church Quarterly Review* that I have been able to embody in this small volume the greater part of an article on 'Montenegro,' contributed by me, in October last, to that periodical. By the like permission on the part of the publishers of *Good Words*, I have also made use of two papers written by me a few years since, and printed in that periodical. For the information contained in these papers and in the present volume I am indebted to my own observations made whilst travelling in Montenegro, to replies sent me in answer to inquiries made with a view to publication, and to such books as I believe may be depended upon for their accuracy. The information so obtained I have sought fairly to place before the reader; and that I may enable him to verify any statements made by me, I have cited my authorities

throughout. I have made full use of the testimony and the language of others, because I prefer to use their words rather than my own. I have, so far as I could, avoided all questions of momentary political strife, believing that whatever may be thought of the present aspect of the Eastern question, most persons, be their party predilections what they may, will sympathize with the Montenegrins in their heroic struggle for independence and freedom of religious worship. In addition to the description of the physical aspect of the country and the institutions of its people, I have given a brief sketch of the history of Montenegro, which, without possessing any claim to research, will be, I imagine, new to most readers. But though I have sought to avoid all allusion to mere party politics, politics themselves it were impossible to avoid, even if I wished to do so, since politics is only another name for the history of the present.

22, WESTBOURNE SQUARE, .

May, 1877.

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