

PREFATORY NOTE.

The following tract was written in April, '73. as a Thesis for the Degree of Master of Arts.

It is now printed at the request of several friends who perused it in MS, and who have desired its publication as giving in a brief, compendious form many of the arguments bearing on the different phases of the Colonial Question, collated from many sources.

Increasing attention is being attracted to the reciprocal relations and duties of Great Britain and her Colonies owing to the recent utterances on the subject of Mr. Blake and other public men of prominence, and this little pamphlet is issued as a modest contribution to the literature of the Question.

In some of its references the essay is out of date, but as the general line of argument has not been thereby interfered with, it was thought better to print the whole as it was written.

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