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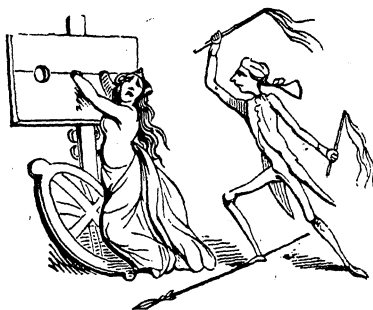
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# A HISTORY OF THE ROD

*IN ALL COUNTRIES*

FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE PRESENT TIME

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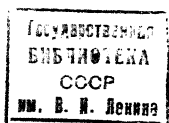
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## P R E L I M I N A R Y.

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THE writer, now that his work is concluded, is not inclined to dwell on the difficulties under which he laboured in the preparation of the present volume. Although this History of the Rod may be regarded as "a compilation," still the task required more than an ordinary expenditure of time and trouble. The facts and anecdotes brought together in the following pages were found to be very widely scattered, and frequently accompanied by details which on no possible pretence could now be openly published,

*Est et fideli tuta silentio  
Merces.*

—Hor.

Indeed, it would have been simply impossible to have given the chronicle of Conventual and Monastic Discipline entire: the coarseness, the brutality, the refined cruelty often exercised, were of a character so objectionable, that no good end could have been accomplished by giving every circumstance and every detail narrated in these old records. The writer's aim has been to lay before the student interested in the progress of civilisation as full an account of the use of the Rod as propriety on the one hand and as history on the other demanded.

No apology is offered for what is recorded in this book: it was neither compiled for the prurient nor the prudish, the writer's sole aim being to give (to the best of his ability) a true History of the Rod as an instrument for correctional purposes in the Church, the State, and the Family.

*December 6th 1869.*

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