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PREFACE

By planning the following maps, and preparing and indexing their matter, I have sought to meet the long-felt need of a small atlas of European history which should be in the English language, which should treat of the different peoples of Europe impartially, which should not obscure general views by too many details, and which should have a serviceable key to its contents. In this modest but laborious undertaking I have relied mainly upon the larger atlases—most of all the Droysen, the Kiepert, the Spruner. Menke, the Spruner-Sieglin, from Germany; the Longnon, the Schrader, the Vidal-Lablache, from France; the Poole, from Great Britain. At the same time, I have gone on innumerable points to original or special sources of information: documents, maps, articles, and books—though it would have been profitable to go to such sources yet more than I have. Mistakes have no doubt been made; but I hope that they are of a kind to be easily righted and that the lines and locations adopted may prove, with not too many exceptions, sufficiently accurate for the didactic purposes in view. Gaps, also, are to be seen—some only too clearly. These, however, can be filled by inserting supplementary maps here and there, as they may be especially demanded; and if the atlas is received favorably, an effort will be made to supply, soon, at least the most needed pieces. I shall be greatly obliged to all who will tell me of desirable corrections, or suggest further subjects, or indicate where the index should be improved; for with such help the object of the work cannot but be better attained.

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Principal abbreviations: anc. for ancient; cent. for century; eccl. for ecclesiastical; Fl. for Flemish; Fr. for French; Ger. for German; It. for Italian; Lat. for Latin; mod. for modern; Sp. for Spanish.

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