Selections from Greek historians

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SELECTIONS
FROM
GREEK HISTORIANS

(BASED UPON FELTON'S SELECTIONS).

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PREFACE.

It was at the request of the publisher that I undertook to prepare a new edition of the late President Felton's Selections from the Greek Historians. It soon became clear that in order to secure unity of treatment throughout it would be necessary to use the notes of the old edition in precisely the same way as any other notes; i.e., to resort to them only when they answered my purpose, and to give credit to them in each instance. And it has been the design, both with reference to those notes and to all others, to give due credit for all matter directly borrowed or adapted from any source; but it is not always possible to acknowledge suggestions which the labors of many previous editors have made common property.

As regards the text, it has been my purpose to retain no reading which has not the authority of some standard modern edition; and, in order to reach its end, frequent changes have been necessary in the text and punctuation, particularly in the extracts from Herodotus, the text of which was in a bad condition in the old plates. In revising and annotating the text of Herodotus, I have depended mainly upon the editions of Stein and Abicht. In Thucydides, the editions of Classen and Krüger have furnished more aid, perhaps, than any others. In Xenophon, the old plates varied so widely from recent texts that new plates have been cast, in which the text of Dindorf's third edition has been strictly followed. A list of the other editions which have been consulted will be found on page 282.

President Felton's extracts have been retained without omission as far as page 207; i.e., through Herodotus, the
mythological selections from Diodorus, and two extracts from Thucydides; but, beyond that page, in order to bring the book within reasonable compass, large omissions have been made in the list of selections from Thucydides and Xenophon, and nothing has been retained from the later historians. It is believed, however, that enough has been kept for the historical reading of the Freshman year in college.

In the notes my aim has been to furnish aid to the student. The teacher will have access to more exhaustive commentaries. I have not intended to pass over any real difficulty unnoticed, and at the same time I have tried to avoid the mistake of giving unnecessary help. The notes assume that every student has at his elbow a Classical Dictionary, both of Biography and of Antiquities, a Classical Atlas, and a good history of Greece. At the head of the notes on the several selections have been placed references to those parts of Grote, Curtius, Smith (the larger history), and Cox (the General History), which elucidate the subject of the selection; and the student is strongly urged to read carefully the passage referred to, before beginning the Greek text. For this purpose Grote and Curtius are particularly recommended. In many cases it will be necessary to enlarge the portions referred to, both at the beginning and the end, in order to get an intelligent sense of the whole situation; though this will be less often true of Grote than of the others.

While frequent references have been given to the grammars of Goodwin and Hadley, and to Goodwin's Greek Moods and Tenses, the notes themselves will in most cases be found to state briefly the principle referred to; but the student should not for that reason fail to look up the references, particularly to the Moods and Tenses, which by its copious examples and explanations will often throw much light upon the difficulties of the text.

Owing to the considerable changes which have been made in the text and punctuation throughout, the reduction in the number of the selections, the new annotation of pages 1–188, and
the addition of notes upon the remaining pages where there were none before, it has not seemed proper to hold President Felton’s name responsible for this work any further than is indicated upon the title-page.

The Maps are based upon those found in Cox’s General History of Greece, but some changes of detail have been made in the two larger.

Suggestions and corrections of errors will be gratefully received by the publisher or editor.

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