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PREFACE.

A WORD or two, by way of preface, as to the materials I have used in this work, and as to the manner in which they have been put together. My plan has always been, where possible, to go direct to the original authorities living at or about the time of the events recorded, or those in some way in contact with them, and having steeped my mind in these, to reconstruct to the best of my ability some picture of it all, in my own way, and from my own point of view. This done, I then, with the view of repairing the gaps and oversights inevitable in the view taken of any large and complex subject by a single mind, have had recourse to those great modern authorities who themselves drew from the original fountain head, and especially to the works of those specialists in the various departments who have devoted themselves to the elucidation of some single period of history, or school of philosophy, or to the lives of particular great men. When the subject-matter was more than usually complex, and the threads of connexion more than usually involved or difficult to follow, my method has been to construct diagrams, so as to represent more clearly to myself the points at which, in my judgment, the connexions were either satisfactorily established, or were left still incomplete. And it was not until I had got the lacunae filled up, and the sprawling tag-ends of unrelated points connected with the rest, and rounded into some sort of harmony, that I felt myself justified in trying to discover the central law or principle of the whole period or movement.

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