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PREFATORY NOTE.

Last winter I had the honour of delivering at the Philosophical Institution of Edinburgh two lectures on Modern Greece, which are here published, with a few slight alterations, chiefly verbal.

The paper on 'The Progress of Greece' appeared in Macmillan's Magazine for March, 1879. It is reprinted here, in a revised form, as illustrating those parts of the second lecture which touch on the social and political condition of Greece at the present day. The paper on 'Byron in Greece' is supplementary to the first lecture, which sketches the history of the Greek nationality. In such a sketch the Greek War of Independence could be treated only in its most general aspect. No episode of that war is more interesting to Byron's countrymen than that with which his name is connected; and it is also one which places us midway between the opening and closing chapters of a memorable struggle,

It is my hope that this little book may be acceptable to those who desire to have the elementary facts of the subject in a concise form, and that it may help in sending readers to sources of information more important than itself. Hertzberg's Geschichte Griechenlands unter der Römer, his Geschichte Griechenlands seit dem Absterben des antiken Lebens bis zur Gegenwart, and Carl Hopf's Geschichte Griechenlands, are standard works well known to students. Some valuable matter, especially with regard to the early Slavonic settlements, may be found in C. J. Jireček's Geschichte der Bulgaren. Finlay's History of Greece, from B.C. 146 to A.D. 1864, has lately been issued from the Clarendon Press in a new edition of seven volumes, enriched by the notes of the editor, Mr. H. F. Tozer, of Exeter College, whose learning has brought the latest light to bear on many points in which the statements of the text required modification.

For the statistics of contemporary Greece, political, social, and industrial, the work of M. Moraitinis, La Grèce telle qu'elle est, has now an English companion in the New Greece of Mr. Lewis Sergeant.

Foreign observers of Greek affairs are, broadly speaking, of two classes: those who think that Greece has a future, and those who further think that she may be allowed to have a present. Where the latter opinion is entertained with most conviction, there will be least disposition to suppose that sincere good-will to the Greek cause demands the concealment of defects, or the undue depreciation of other nationalities.

May, 1880.

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CORRIGENDA.

P. 15, margin, delete 442 A.D.

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P. 18, line 4, for 'not transferred,' read 'now transferred.'

P. 113, line 14, for 'Few of the purchasers,' read 'Few wealthy purchasers.'

82 for 'had'; " has'

the Great to our own. In a second lecture on Friday next I shall endeavour to give some of the impressions derived from a recent visit to Greece.

The central fact of all Greek history, from the The Greek Nationality earliest age down to the present day, is the unbroken life of the Greek nationality. Here, after all, is the great contrast between the destiny of Italy and of Greece. The principles of Roman law have survived the Roman type of character and mind. Greece, the

