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PREFACE.

IN the following pages will be found narrated the principal events of the campaign of 1870, from the day of the arrival of the Emperor at the head-quarters of the "Armée du Rhin" at Metz, up to the Battle of Orléans, on the 11th of October.

I am a Frenchman, and therefore I must beg my readers to excuse all incorrectness of style. Returned from a three months' campaign with the armies, I have hastily written this small work fresh from the battle-fields. I relate the events of the war simply as I have witnessed them, and almost without commentary.

My essay is an epitome of facts, in which I

endeavour to give a faithful and impartial outline of that gigantic contest, which is yet keeping the world in suspense as to its final results.

This is my excuse for intruding boldly into the ranks of English literature, hoping that my momentary appearance will not be too severely censured.

COMTE DE LA CHAPELLE.

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ON the 20th of July the Emperor and the Prince Imperial, accompanied by Prince Napoleon, arrived at Metz. From the railway station to the prefecture the streets were lined with crowds; the military and civilians attending the arrival of the sovereign.

The gendarmes, the cent-gardes, with their brilliant uniforms, the Zouaves, in their oriental dresses, were keeping the passage clear from the prefecture to the Porte Serpenoise and the railway station.