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PREFACE.

THE unexpectedly large sale of my revision of Eysenbach's German Grammar has been gratifying evidence that the book supplied a want. But with the rapid increase in this country of students of German, many of whom cannot carry forward the study more than a year or two, a need seems to have arisen for a book less copious in exercises and demanding less time for its completion.

The task of preparing this revision — rendered impossible for me by circumstances — was committed to Mrs. CLARA S. CURTIS, and has been performed by her with judgment, fidelity, and skill.

Departure from the plan of the original revision was neither called for nor contemplated. No method of learning a foreign language so good as that illustrated by Eysenbach is known to me. It commends itself to reason and is approved by experience.

Therefore the aim, the method, and every essential characteristic of the larger book have been kept. But it was found that the notes could be retrenched by omitting comparisons with other languages; that time and labor upon the exercises could be saved by eliminating less essential parts; that such eliminations made possible a material shortening of the vocabularies; and that explanations and illustrations could sometimes be condensed without loss of clearness.

Within the past few years so many excellent pieces of German literature, suited to beginners, have been edited and published for schools, that it seemed unnecessary to include in this book the selections contained in the larger one.

Whoever can command the time to get a comprehensive knowledge of German will find that the larger book will help to lay foundations broad and deep. Here a lighter and a shorter task is set, though one calling for diligent and serious study.

WILLIAM C. COLLAR.

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