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PREFACE.

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The present book has been written in the hope that it will serve as an elementary introduction to the larger German works on the subject from which I have appropriated whatever seemed necessary for the purpose. In the grammar much aid has been derived from Paul's Mittelhochdeutsche Grammatik, 2nd edit. Hälle, 1884, and Weinhold's Mittelhochdeutsche Grammatik, 2nd edit. Paderborn, 1883. The former work, besides containing by far the most complete syntax, is also the only Middle High-German grammar which is based on the present state of German philology.

Those who wish to acquire a sound historical knowledge of the modern phase of the language ought to possess Professor Brandt's Grammar of the German Language, published by Putnam's Sons, New York and London, 1884. It may not be out of place to state here also that an Old High-German Primer is already in the hands of the printers, which will help to throw much light upon many points of Middle High-German grammar that could not be touched upon in the present book.

I believe that the day is not very far distant when English students will take a much more lively interest in the study of their own and the other Germanic languages (especially German and Old Norse) than has hitherto been the case. And if this little book should contribute anything towards furthering the cause, it will amply have fulfilled its purpose.

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