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TO
PROFESSOR ARNOLD GUYOT,

TO WHOM SO MANY ARE INDEBTED FOR
THEIR INTEREST IN THE LIFE AND LABOURS OF RITTER,

THIS WORK

IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED

BY HIS FRIEND AND ADMIRER,

THE AUTHOR.

P R E F A C E.

LITTLE need be said here that is not told more fully in the book itself. That the volume is not larger is not owing to the lack of materials, but in great part to my conviction that the character of Ritter can be made quite as distinct drawn on this as on a larger scale. Should the work meet with the favour which the nature of the theme far more than the execution of the task is calculated to win, I purpose to follow it within a year or two with a volume of letters from the pen of my late teacher, descriptive of his numerous journeys, and illustrative of his life while Professor in Berlin. It would be unjust to dismiss this book without acknowledging my obligations to many German friends referred to specifically in the footnotes, but more especially to the volume prepared by Ritter's brother-in-