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PREFACE

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This dissertation, especially in the last three chapters departs somewhat, I am aware, from the type of those so far presented in this series. I trust that that is not, however, a cause for condemnation.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge indebtedness for inspiration to the works of Nyrop, Darmesteter, and Dauzat as duly listed in the bibliography, and I offer this study as a tribute to those eminent masters, without, however, attempting thereby to place any responsibility for its faults upon them, but with the sole intention of doing them honor as far as its humble merits may.

I have also been much assisted in the later chapters by T. Ranft's Der Einfluss der französischen Revolution auf den wortschatz der französischen sprache, which I have found a most valuable compilation of facts serving as a point of departure for many of the deductions which I have drawn.

I owe to Professor H. A. Todd of Columbia University a much greater debt than I have opportunity here to do more than suggest, for his sympathetic and encouraging coöperation throughout the whole period of preparation of this work, from the very earliest moment of its inception through the final stages of the printing. Needless to say that without his constant help it would not have attained completion.

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