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## PREFACE

In studying the Romantic movement and the beginnings of the dramatic literature of the nineteenth century in France, it is hoped that the advantage to be gained by putting the *Préface de Cromwell* and *Hernani* together in one volume will be apparent to all. The *Préface* as the recognized manifesto of the new movement is a document which students cannot afford to neglect, and any mere summary of its contents gives but an inadequate idea of its literary and historical value. As it is given here, it is practically intact, as only those parts have been omitted which refer to the play *Cromwell*, and which have no general interest. After an acquaintance with this declaration of literary liberty, the student is better prepared than he could be otherwise, to take up the study of *Hernani*, which was the first of Hugo's plays to be acted.

The text used in the present volume is that to be found in the *édition ne varietur* of Hugo's works which is published in Paris by J. Hetzel et Cie., but even there, numerous slight errors occur which have needed correction.

In addition to the aid received from the various volumes which have been duly enumerated in the Bibliography appended to the Introduction, the editor has been materially assisted by Dr. Matzke's scholarly edition of *Hernani* which appeared a few years ago.

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