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PREFATORY NOTE

In view of the circumstances attending the appearance of this work, it has been thought appropriate to give it in some degree the form of a memorial volume. One of the author's close friends and associates has been asked to prepare a brief biographical notice, and a likeness of Dr. Menger, introduced as a frontispiece, will enhance the interest of the book to his many A large part of the work had received the benefit of the author's revision in the proofs; but it remained for the editor a very special duty of love and friendship to exercise the patient vigilance requisite to seeing accurately through the final stages of the press a work so bristling with technicalities and minute In particular it devolved upon the editor to seek out, insert, and verify the array of cross-references called for in blank, but not indicated in the main in the author's manuscript nor in the early proofs. to the peculiar nature of the presentation, it was not found to be feasible or desirable to provide an index in the ordinary sense of the word, but it is thought that the detailed analytical table of contents will serve every necessary purpose. It was not a part of Professor Menger's plan to supply a vocabulary and notes to the illustrative extracts. The exposition of these passages, so far as called for, was intended to be given by the professor in charge of the course of study.

In the belief that the amount of highly specialized and skilful labor bestowed by Dr. Menger on the task of his predilection will be found abundantly justified by the degree of its usefulness to all students of Anglo-Norman,—even to those most thoroughly versed in this broadly important field,—the book is confidently offered as the partially fulfilled promise of an undertaking and of a career prematurely cut off in the freshness of youthful vigor and fruition.

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