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ALL BRILLIANT PUPILS OF EWALD'S,

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FOREWORD

THE contents of this little volume have grown out of the Inaugural Address on the subject which the author delivered on the 1st of October 1902, at the opening of the 1902-1903 session of the North Wales University College, Bangor, Principal H. R. Reichel, M.A., LL.D., presiding. The address was intended to form an article in The Expository Times, and it had been promised, as such, to the editor of that excellent magazine. But it grew so much in the re-writing that it became too large for a magazine, And so, rather than throw overboard any of the cargo which he had with some labour collected, the writer resolved to issue a booklet, in the hope, if not, indeed, the belief, that the life herein described might be found at once interesting and stimulating. It is well at times to recall the deeds of men whose names are landmarks in the world of thought or action, or of both. Ewald's is certainly one of these names, and the Centenary of his birth supplies a fitting occasion for calling attention afresh to the life that this great man lived, and the work he accomplished.

The author would like to say that this booklet is

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by no means as good nor as full as he could make it if he had more leisure, and if such a library as the Bodleian were within reach. But the booklet is as full and as free from defects as the author could make it in such time as twenty hours a week lecturing and much other work, academic, etc., allowed him, and in a place so remote from great libraries as Bangor. Fortunately, the author has on his own bookshelves most of the literature referred to. He would like to thank the Rev. Canon Driver for the readiness and courtesy with which he has revised the Bibliography, making some suggestions for greater fulness and accuracy. The learned Canon has had the kindness also to consult the Bodleian Library in one or two cases in which that was necessary.

The author's thanks are also due and are hereby presented to the following:--To my dear friend and neighbour, Rev. T. Gasquoine, B.A., pupil and friend of Dr. Samuel Davidson, for reading the proofs and making several suggestions; to Professor E. Kautzsch, D.D., Mrs. Rowland Williams, Dr. Theodore Dillmann, and Miss Ewald for the loan or gift of photographs and letters.

It will be seen that large parts of the address are retained exactly as they were spoken; especially is this the case at the beginning and end of this work.

BRYN HAUL, VICTORIA DRIVE, BANGOR, NORTH WALES, 17th February 1903.

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