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## PREFACE.

TO present to English readers the main results of German criticism of the Homeric Poems, so far as it is sound and trustworthy, is the object of this book. The very latest publications of the Press of Germany have been consulted, so as to collect, up to date, the materials for forming a judgment.

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