

## EDITOR'S PREFACE.

an argument. The desire has been to make the book, as far as possible, a reliable and impartial record of historical incidents; but the editor has had a keen appreciation of the historian's problem in chronicling events of recent or contemporary interest, from which the dust of controversy has not entirely blown away.

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