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speak impartially of a book to whose general merit 1 am pledged by its mere appearance but 1 can honestly say that it is the result of genuine work among the last and best lights on the subject. I believe it to be thoroughly trustworthy, and that it will give clearer and truer views on most of the points on which clear and true views are specially needed than can be found in any other book on the same small scale.

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NOTE.

It having been suggested to me by persons engaged in education that the addition of some maps and the expansion of certain parts of the narrative would niake this book more useful in schools, I have accordingly, and with Mr. Freeman's sanction, prepared this edition, which I trust will be found an improvement.

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