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THIS work is based mainly on the French histories of Guizot, Rambaud, Martin, and Duruy, supplemented with notes made by the author during a somewhat prolonged stay in France.

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