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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE necessity for a new History of the United States, adapted to the use of schools, having been long felt, and frequently spoken of by experienced teachers, the hope of supplying some of the numerous deficiencies of which so many complained, induced the author to prepare the accompanying volume. If an impressive generalization of well-established facts can be presented—if an unbroken narrative can be preserved, interesting in its details and instructive in its moral lessons—and, especially, if the youthful mind can be inspired with patriotic sentiments and increased veneration for the principles, labours, and struggles of our ancestors—no more useful contribution to the cause of popular education can possibly be made. These having been the objects aimed at by the author, it remains with the public to decide whether they have been attained.

Although precluded, by the general plan of the work, from giving as full a description of many interesting events as might be desired, no fact which has an obvious relation to the progress of the nation has been omitted, all great characters and actors have been treated of in proportion to their importance, and the history has been uninterruptedly continued down to the present time.

In the preparation of this volume, original authorities and standard historians alone have been consulted, and especial attention has been bestowed upon dates and names. The arrangement of chapters and subjects is somewhat peculiar, and the entire book has been made as philosophical as the popular taste will permit. The questions have been placed at the end of the volume, in order that teachers may dispense with them altogether, if they so elect.

In conclusion, the author modestly expresses the hope that this little book may receive the attention which a life devoted to historical composition should not unreasonably claim.

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