

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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