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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

DURING the year 1900, the "Histoire de la Civilisation" by M. Charles Seignobos appeared as three volumes in the third edition and as two volumes in the sixth edition. It seemed that a work so meritorious and so widely used, especially in the secondary schools of France, would be of value to teachers and pupils in American schools. The ability of the author to select significant events in the political and social history of the various nations is notable. Professor Seignobos willingly gave his consent to having the translation made.

It was thought best to select material from both the three volumes and the two volumes in so far as the one supplemented the other. Ordinarily, the original three-volume edition has been used.

In some particulars the work is not merely a translation. Phrases here and there not regarded as essential to an understanding of the text have been omitted. The tables of contents have been made more usable. An index has been added to each volume, and a general bibliography has been prepared for each period.

It is believed desirable to give American readers the following brief notice of Professor Seignobos. He was born in Lamastre, France, in the year 1854.

After a course of study in the "École Normale Supérieure," he spent two years in the universities of Germany, making a study of their courses in history. In 1879 he was elected Professor of History in the University of Dijon. He was called to a professorship in the Sorbonne in 1883, and in 1890 was made Maître des Conférences at the Sorbonne, and is now Maître des Conférences in the "Faculté des Lettres" of Paris. Professor Seignobos occupies a place of prominence among modern French historians and is also a leader in the cause of secondary education.

In addition to the "Histoire de la Civilisation" he is the author of numerous historical works. Among the more important are: "Le régime féodal en Bourgogne"; "Histoire narrative et descriptive des anciens peuples de l'Orient"; "Scènes et épisodes de l'histoire nationale"; "Histoire politique de l'Europe contemporaine." He is joint author with M. Langlois of "Introduction aux études historiques."

JAMES ALTON JAMES.

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## EDITOR'S PREFACE

IN preparing this volume, I have used both the three-volume edition and the two-volume edition of the "Histoire de la Civilisation." I have usually preferred the order of topics of the two-volume edition, but have supplemented the material therein with other matter drawn from the three-volume edition.

A few corrections to the text have been given in foot-notes. These notes are always clearly distinguished from the elucidations of the author.

I have had the benefit of a critical reading of the manuscript by my colleague, Professor James Alton James, at whose suggestion the work of translation was undertaken.

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