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INTRODUCTION

Volk und Knecht und Ueberwinder,
 Sie gestehn zu jeder Zeit ;
 Höchstes Glück der Erdenkinder
 Sey nur die Persönlichkeit.

GOETHE (*West-Oestlicher Divan*).

It is said to have been a chance occasion which gave the first impetus towards the compilation of the German original * from which these "Reminiscences of the King of Roumania have been re-edited and abridged." One day an enterprising man of letters applied to one who had followed the King's career for years with vivid interest: "The public of a country extending from the Alps to the ocean is eager to know something about Roumania and her Hohenzollern ruler." The King, without whose consent little or nothing could have been done, thought the matter over carefully; in fact, he weighed it in his mind for several years before coming to a final decision.

* "Aus dem Leben König Karls von Rumänien. Aufzeichnungen eines Augenzeugen." Stuttgart: Verlag der J. G. Cotta'schen Buchhandlung.