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P R E F A C E

THE pages which follow are published by the formal desire of their author. Many a time in the course of his life he remarked that it was very unjust that the journalist, unlike other writers, left nothing behind him as a lasting testimony of his efforts, his work, and his success. A short time before his death he insisted that his Memoirs should be placed before the public. It is in deference to this command, and at his special bidding, that his adopted son and his family publish the present volume.

Some of the pages appeared in print during the lifetime of their author. The chapters entitled 'How I became a Journalist,' 'Alphonso XII. proclaimed King of Spain,' 'The French Scare of 1875,' and 'The Berlin Congress,' were given in part by *Harper's Monthly Magazine*. Almost the whole of the remaining chapters is entirely new to the English public. M. de Blowitz, who during his lifetime—as he himself says in his Memoirs—never kept a diary and seldom took notes, dictated them before he died.