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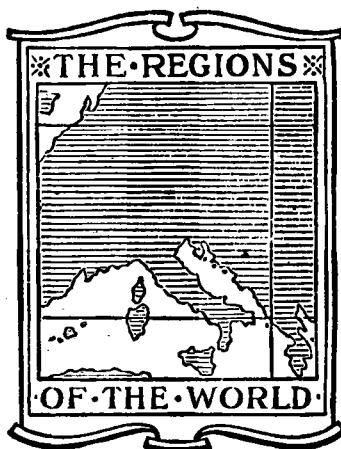
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WHEN Mr. Mackinder asked me, in 1897, to undertake the volume dealing with Central Europe, in his new Geographical Series, *The Regions of the World*, he and I were agreed that, in order to secure the unity of the whole work, the plan and division of the material must be settled by the editor for the guidance of his fellow-workers. My German manuscript was completed in September 1899, but when, in the beginning of 1901, the English translation had been finished, it appeared that it had run to rather too great a length. Some abbreviations had to be made in order to reduce it to the usual size of the books proposed, and to bring its proportions more fully into accord with the volume on "Britain and the British Seas," which was published in the early part of 1902. For German readers, the German edition now in preparation will retain the unabridged text as originally written.

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