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BEING A

HISTORY OF THE RISE AND DECLINE

OF THEIR

EASTERN EMPIRE.

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# Dedicated

TO THE MEMORY OF

## PRINCE HENRY OF PORTUGAL

(SURNAMED THE NAVIGATOR),

WHO, BY DEVOTING A LIFE OF INDOMITABLE PERSEVERANCE  
AND SELF-DENYING ENERGY  
TO THE INTERESTS OF HIS COUNTRY,  
LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THOSE GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCHES  
WHICH CULMINATED, IN THE REIGN OF DOM MANOEL,  
IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE BRAZILS  
AND OF THE ROUTE TO INDIA BY THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE;  
ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH NOT ONLY RAISED PORTUGAL  
TO A PINNACLE OF FAME,  
AND PLACED HER FOREMOST AMONGST THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH  
IN POWER AND WEALTH,  
BUT IMMENSELY STIMULATED THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE  
AMONG ALL THE CONTEMPORARY NATIONS OF THE CIVILISED WORLD.  
THE PRESENT WORK  
IS A HUMBLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE  
COMMEMORATION OF THE FIVE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE BIRTH OF THAT ILLUSTRIOUS PRINCE,  
WHICH EVENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN  
CELEBRATED IN SO ENTHUSIASTIC AND AUSPICIOUS A MANNER  
IN THE LAND OF HIS NATIVITY.

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