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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE main authorities for the life of Hegel are the biographies of Rosenkranz and Haym,—the former a pupil and devoted disciple of Hegel, the latter a critic whose opposition to Hegel's philosophical principles has passed into a kind of personal bitterness, which misconstrues his simplest actions. Some additional details may be derived from Hotho ('Vorstudien für Leben und Kunst'), from Ruge ('Aus früherer Zeit'), and from Klaiber ('Hölderlin, Hegel, und Schelling'). The books and articles written in Germany for or against the Hegelian philosophy it is impossible to enumerate, for almost every one who has written about philosophy in recent times has written about Hegel. Daub, Marheineke, Göschel, Rosenkranz, Erdmann, Gabler, Vatke, and Ruge are the names of only a few of the most important adherents of the school. The ablest attack upon Hegelianism which I have seen is by Dr A. Schmid ('Entwicklungsgeschichte der Hegelischen