PREFACE TO THE ORIGINAL EDITION.

In consideration of the length to which the Second Volume of this Grammar was likely to extend it seemed desirable to publish it in parts¹). Those which are still to appear will first complete the Morphology of Nouns and Pronouns, including the history of the Case-Endings. The latter section will be comparatively brief, since the ablaut of the inflexional syllables has been discussed in all its most important points in connexion with the Formative Suffixes. Then will follow the Morphology of Verbs (Stem-Formation and Inflexion), and finally a list of Additions and Corrections to the First Volume, [and an Index to both].

A third and last volume of smaller dimensions will contain the Syntax. In this part of Comparative Grammar very little work has been done, at least very little that can be called scientific, and hitherto no one has tried to give any systematic account of the subject as a whole. For a long while, I confess, I could hardly make up my mind to include it in the present work, but I have been greatly encouraged to make the attempt by the appearance of the fifth Volume of Delbrück's *Syntaktische Forschungen* (*Altindische Syntax* 1888), which, though it is not directly concerned with Comparative Grammar, has done a great deal to prepare the way for a general history of Indo-

1) The different parts of the German edition will appear as separate volumes in English.

Germanic Syntax. And in my work for the third volume I hope to have the help of O. Behaghel's *Grundzüge der germanischen Syntax* which has been announced for some time.

I have accepted as necessary one or two alterations in the transcription of Avestic; *ṛ* instead of *ṛ̥* (before *r*, see vol. I § 558 p. 415), *š* for all three signs *š*, *ṣ* and *ṣ̥*. As regards these sibilants we ought still, in all probability, to make some distinction between the sounds in such words as *hištaiti* = Skr. *tīṣṭhātī* (I § 556 p. 410), *mašya-* = Skr. *mārtya-* (I § 260 p. 212 f., § 474 p. 350), *šyaoṇa-* = Protoethnic Aryan **cīayṇa-* (I § 448 p. 333, § 473, 4 p. 350). I accepted with other scholars the theory which Bartholomae advanced in *Bezzenberger's Beiträge* VII 188 ff. as to the respective value of these three signs in the Zend alphabet, and, so far as I can see, it is not disproved by Geldner's recent edition of the Avesta. At the same time it is certainly not confirmed by the results of Geldner's work, and Bartholomae himself, with Hübschmann and others, now follows him in writing *š* indifferently in all cases. Thus I had no alternative.

In Celtic Prof. Thurneysen has given me the same generous assistance as in the first volume. My pupil Dr. W. Streitberg has helped me in correcting the proof. To both I may here offer my hearty thanks.

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