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who, knowing no foreign language,
taught me the universal language of love
and
the memory of my teacher
EFFIE S. HARDIN
who, giving me my first lessons in
English and French, set my early steps
on the voyage of unending discovery

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PREFACE

OF the Near East states, Lebanon is in a class by itself. Its historic experience, mountainous geography and the composition of its population combine to give it an identity and a personality of its own. Democratic in politics, relatively stable in its government, free-enterprising in its economy and Western in its orientation, Lebanon holds the promise of pursuing the same course in its future career. Hence the justification for the author's devoting of a volume, *Lebanon in History* (1957, 1962), one of the first of its kind, to this subject. *A Short History of Lebanon* is based on that volume, with a special emphasis on the material on the contemporary period.

It is hoped that the reading of this book will whet the appetite of at least some for further information on the subject.

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