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Professor Gilmore has added a distinguished volume to a distinguished series. The requirements imposed by the latter, however, have created difficulties for him. As any historian knows, periodization is apt to be a very synthetic process. The dates 1453-1517 could act in some ways as a straitjacket. So much came to a climax just before—the long struggle of the French and English monarchies, the rise of Burgundy, the conquests of the Ottomans—and so many dramatic events were immediately to follow—the Lutheran, Calvinist, English and Catholic reformations, the

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