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Lastly, the remaining General Editors are sad to have to communicate the death of their senior colleague, Professor Erling Ladewig Petersen, on 21 June 1999. Without his initiative and scholarly standing the series would hardly have come about; and failing health did not keep him from continuing, energetically, his editorial work to the very last.

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The Cambridge History of Scandinavia presents to the reader – both the general reader and the student – modern historical knowledge about Scandinavia from the beginnings to the present. This volume covers roughly the period from 1520 to 1870, from the Reformation to the emergence of the modern nation state in Northern Europe.

Volume II opens with a chapter on the Reformation and the consequent reorganisation of the Nordic countries c. 1520–1600. It goes on to deal with material growth in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and the power states Sweden (including Finland) and Denmark (including Norway and Iceland) in the seventeenth century. Next, eighteenth-century cultural and material life as well as the client states and foreign policies are dealt with. In the last part of the volume the new economic and social orders of the nineteenth century are discussed in connection with the emergence of the nation states in all the Nordic countries.

No fewer than thirty-eight authors have contributed to this volume. They have all treated their material without editorial constraint. Some of the chapters are on individual countries, some are comparative studies and some deal with more general topics. The authors were chosen by the editors in consonance with the changing nature of history – in particular with the greater emphasis in modern times on social and cultural history rather than on dynastic and military chronology.

The bibliography has been updated. As in Volume I, the proper names in this volume are spelt in the standard modern Scandinavian form.

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