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PREFACE

THE text of this edition is based upon the readings of the Mss. known to Halm and Müller, together with those of several which have been brought to notice since the appearance of the latter's edition in 1879. In view of the surprising quantity of the new critical material and its inaccessibility to many scholars, an Appendix has been added, with the readings of these Mss. in all their more important divergences, and often where the variants serve only to prove the descent of the Ms. in question. It is a matter of keen regret that I have been unable to add any collations of my own. All the more acknowledgment is therefore due to Dr. P. C. Molhuysen, of the Leyden University Library, for his kindness in furnishing those readings of L which are marked with an asterisk. Emendations have been admitted only where the text is obviously corrupt.

The Introduction gives Cato himself a prominence which may seem undeserved in an edition of an essay of Cicero. It was my aim, however, to make the character of the chief speaker as clear and, if possible, as impressive to the modern student as it was to the Roman readers of the *Cato Maior*, to whom he was no mere mouthpiece for Cicero's opinions, but a vigorous personality pervading the entire dialogue, — a presence from which there is no escape. The list of distinguished old men appended to the Intro-

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duction was originally continued to the present time, but the later and larger portion has been suppressed in the interest of brevity.

It is hoped that the time-honored practice of inserting modern Latin verses needs no justification, even though their august author, long preëminent among *senes*, has just passed into history. The thanks which would have been here returned to Pope Leo himself for gracious permission to reprint his hexameters, must now be paid to Mgr. Rinaldo Angeli, his secretary, and to Reverend Father John P. Farrelly, of the American College in Rome, for ready help in securing the desired permission; also to the *American Ecclesiastical Review*, which has in the meantime acquired the copyright in this country.

What friendly obligations have been imposed by the great kindness of the general editors, as also of Professors Frank F. Abbott, of the University of Chicago, Hanns Oertel, of Yale, John K. Lord and R. W. Husband, of Dartmouth College, it would be difficult to say in brief, — except that by a critical reading of the proofs they have shown a practical interest in the book in its unfinished state, and have contributed most generously of their scholarship to its final form.

In accordance with the plan of the series, references have been given to most of the grammars now in general use, and these are distinguished by initials. To Madvig and Roby also an occasional reference will be found.

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