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PREFACE

IN preparing this school edition of the *pro Plancio* I have been chiefly indebted to the following works :—

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Ciceronis Oratio pro Plancio, recog. Ed. Wunderus, 1830.

Orazione in difesa di Cn. Plancio. G. B. Bonino ; Turin.

Th. Mommsen *Römische Staatsrecht.*

Iwan Müller *Handbuch d. classischen Altertumswissenschaft.*

The text is, with a few exceptions, that of Landgraf's edition.

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INTRODUCTION

§ 1. IN July 54 B.C. a certain Cn. Plancius, aedile-elect, was prosecuted by a disappointed competitor, A. Laterensis, on a charge of illegal combination (*de sodaliciis*) during his canvass. He was defended by his friend Cicero.

Such is, in briefest outline, the subject of the case which occasioned the delivery of the speech before us. A recent scholar¹ has summed up the merits of the *Planciana* in describing it as 'the artistic handling of a somewhat ordinary theme.' Its main interest lies in the light it sheds on the methods of procedure at Roman elections—methods, that is, both legal and illegal. Of the personality of the author we see but little, but that may be said of most of Cicero's speeches; if the *Planciana* helps us in any way towards understanding the character of Cicero, it is that of Cicero as a friend in his relations with Plancius. As regards the historic background, the absence of which so many recent writers²

¹ Dr. J. S. Reid.

² e.g. Dettweiler in Baumeister's *Handbuch der unterrichts lehre*, p. 194.