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#### PREFACE.

THE favorable reception given to Professor Hermann Bender's "Grundriss der Römischen Literaturgeschichte," published a few years since in Germany, and its extensive adoption as a text-book in the secondary schools of that country, suggested its translation for the use of schools and colleges in America.

The author enjoyed peculiar advantages in the preparation of the work, from the fact that he was a pupil of the late Professor Dr. Teuffel, of the University of Tubingen, the celebrated author of a complete History of Roman Literature, lately made accessible to English scholars in a translation.

In preparing the present manual, the aim has been to faithfully reproduce the original, both in subject-matter and form, with only such slight changes and omissions as seemed to be demanded for clearness of expression.

For the convenience of teachers and students, numerous references have been made to the best English works on Roman Literature, and also to valuable treatises on particular authors.

The somewhat meager table of contents has been greatly enlarged, so as to furnish a complete analysis of the work. Also the charts at the end have been thrown into much more convenient form than in the German edition.

It is hoped that the work, as thus constituted, will meet a want, long felt by classical teachers, of a text-book on Roman Literature, which should contain, in compact and convenient form, what every student ought to know, and which at the same time should serve as a basis for courses of lectures or for more extended study.

No reference has been made to American editions of Latin authors, since it has been taken for granted that teachers are well acquainted with them. For a complete bibliography of Latin Literature, teachers are referred to the admirable work of Professor Mayor, published by Macmillan & Co.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS.

C .- Cruttwell's History of Roman Literature,

Con. - Conington's Miscellaneous Writings.

Diot. Antiqq. - Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities.

Mer. - Merivale's History of the Romans under the Empire.

Mom. - Mommsen's History of Rome,

Parry. - Parry's Commentary on Terence.

Pn. - Papillon's Comparative Philology applied to Latin and Greek . Inflections.

R. - Roby's Grammar of the Latin Language.

Ry. - Ramsay's Roman Antiquities.

8. — Sellar's Roman poets of the Republic.

T .- Teuffel's History of Roman Literature, translated by Wagner.

W. - Wordsworth's Fragments and Specimens of Early Latin.

Wh. - Whitney's Language and the Study of Language.

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