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INTRODUCTION

Cicero's famous essay, charming by its uniform rhetorical merit; heroic with stoical precepts; with a Roman eye to the claims of the State; happiest, perhaps, in his praise of life on the farm; and rising at the conclusion to a lofty strain.—

EMERSON.

THESE two essays on *Old Age* and *Friendship* were composed in the first half of the year B.C. 44, when their author was in his sixty-third year. It was a time of great distress and anxiety. The death of Caesar had not, as Cicero hoped, restored the constitution on its old footing. For the loyalists he believed that there was every prospect of massacre or confiscation at the hands of the Caesarians, now led by