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PREFACE.

THE text of the present little edition is practically that of Dr. J. La Roche (Leipzig, 1867). The usual helps have been freely used, but above all the commentary of K. F. Ameis, 7th edition, revised by Dr. C. Hentze, with its invaluable critical appendix, and the Homeric Lexicon of Dr. G. Autenrieth (Leipzig, 3rd edition). The notes in square brackets are intended for more advanced students. The illustrations, taken from Dr. Keep's translation of Autenrieth's Lexicon (ed. 3, Macmillan & Co., 1882), have been inserted by the kind permission of Messrs. Macmillan.

References have been inserted to Goodwin's School Greek Grammar; Madvig's Greek Syntax; and Curtius' *Grundzüge der griechischen Etymologie* (ed. 5, revised by Dr. E. Windisch): the references in each case being by sections.

INTRODUCTION.

The wooden horse, packed with Greek soldiers, was taken within their walls by the god-deserted Trojans, the once 'sacred city' ravaged and burnt to grimy ashes, and back sailed the conquering Greeks,—each to his own home. But one of them, a chief famed for his sage head in the council, and for his red hand in the foray, Odysseus, was not straightway to return to the rocky home of Ithaka for which he sorely yearned. For two whole years every peril of sea and land alike had he faced together with his comrades. He had foiled Kirke's baleful charm and the Cyclops' cruel might, the Seiren's deadly guile, and the clashing sea monsters,—had foiled them by unwearied patience and resourceful craft. But the ill-starred hero had moved mighty Poseidon's wrath, and that God kept him far from his home in a wooded isle, where Kalypso, a goddess fair, kept him, full loth though he was, longing for him to be her spouse.

The Story.

Odysseus.

Here the action of the poem begins, and the First Book is chiefly occupied with a description of the means proposed by Athené in council of the gods, to