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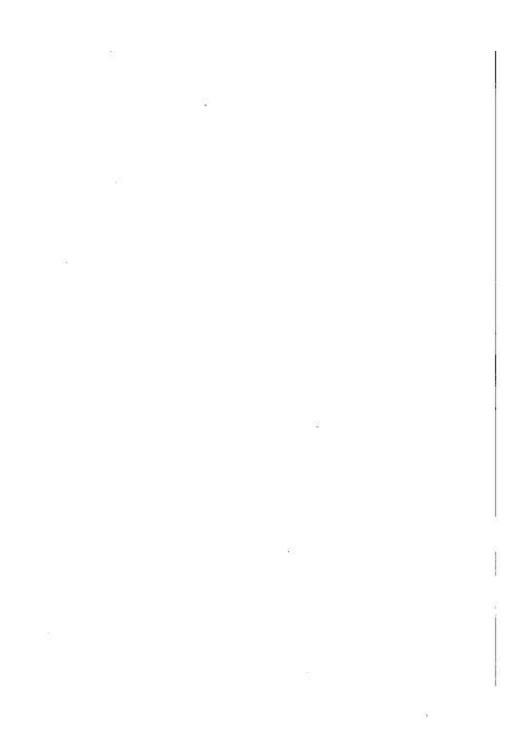
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#### PREFACE

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-