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## PREFACE

Two things only need to be said by way of preface to this book. In the first place, it makes no claim to the character of a systematic statement of the principles of syntax. It is a discussion of certain principles and of the methods of investigation to which these principles lead. In the second place, it deals primarily with Latin. If some of the chapters are equally applicable to the syntax of other languages, that is only because it is impossible to write of the fundamental questions of syntactical method without going beyond the phenomena of a single language. The illustrations are all from Latin, and nearly all from Plautus, many of them being taken, as are portions of some chapters, from articles of mine in the *American Journal of Philology*, to which reference is made at the proper place.

My obligations to other writers on syntax and linguistics are indicated occasionally in the notes, but the character of the book does not call for a bibliography. I cannot refrain from expressing my regret that the second part of the first volume of Wundt's *Völkerpsychologie* appeared too late for me to use it.

I am under personal obligation to several of my colleagues in Yale University: to Professor Duncan for a patient hearing of Chapter II, to Professor Sneath for helpful criticism, to Professor Ladd for suggestions acknowledged in the note on p. 145, and to my philological colleagues, Professors Goodell, Hopkins