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TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE,
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DEAR DR SUSEMIHL,

Permit me, on the fiftieth anniversary of your Doctor's degree, to offer to you in token of my sincere regard a few notes on passages in the Seventh Book of the *Eudemian ethics*. You may perhaps think my speculations unduly hazardous: but I am a believer in hypothesis, and I print my guesses in the hope that they may be useful at any rate as stepping stones to better things. However that may be, this little book brings to you my heartiest congratulation upon the services which during so many years you have rendered to Greek scholarship, and my earnest wish that you may long continue to pursue the *θεωρητικὸς βίος* and to enjoy the "real" pleasures which are its great reward.

HENRY JACKSON.

PREFACE.

THESE notes do not pretend to deal with all that is difficult in the Seventh Book of the *Eudemian ethics*. Some of them have already appeared in the *Journal of Philology* xxvi 149—160 and xxvii 145—158. For permission to reprint them here, I am indebted to the courtesy of Messrs Macmillan, the proprietors of that periodical. At ii §§ 14, 20, 28, 36, vi § 3, and vii § 2, I have changed my treatment of certain details and, as I hope, improved it.

In studying the *Eudemian ethics*, I have had constantly in my hands five books: namely,

F. J. Bast: *Commentatio palaeographica*, appended to G. H. Schaefer's *Gregorii Corinthii et aliorum grammaticorum libri de dialecticis*, Lipsiae MDCCCXI.

H. Bonitz: *Observationes criticae in Aristotelis quae feruntur Magna Moralia et Ethica Eudemia*, Berolini MDCCCXLIV.

A. T. H. Fritzsche: *Eudemi Rhodii Ethica*, Ratisbonae MDCCCLII.

L. Spengel: *Aristotelische Studien*. II. *Eudemische Ethik, Grosse Ethik, Politik*. *Abh. d. k. bayer. Akad.* München 1865. [These criticisms, says Spengel, were for the most part written between 1838 and 1843.]

F. Susemihl: [*Aristotelis Ethica Eudemia*] *Eudemi Rhodii Ethica*, Lipsiae MDCCCLXXXIV.

To all these works I owe much. In particular, I find myself at every turn indebted to Dr F. Susemihl's admirable edition. It is a pleasure to me to have an opportunity of thanking him, however inadequately, for his complete survey of existing material, for his judicious handling of it, and for the many additions which he has made to our knowledge of a very difficult treatise. These words I wrote in 1898. I repeat them now with a fuller comprehension of the difficulty of his undertaking and with a gratitude correspondingly enhanced.

H. J.