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"That which was to be done by war and arms in Latium has now been fully accomplished by the bounty of the gods and the valour of the soldiers. The armies of the enemy have been cut down. . . . It now remains to be considered how we may keep them in the observance of perpetual peace. . . . Ye can therefore ensure to yourselves perpetual peace so far as the Latins are concerned, either by adopting severe or conciliatory measures. Do ye choose to take harsh measures against people who have surrendered and who have been conquered? Ye may destroy all Latium. . . . Do ye wish to follow the example of your forefathers and augment the power of Rome by conferring the citizenship on the people you have beaten? Materials for extending your power by the highest glory are at hand. . . . But whatever determination ye wish to come to, it is necessary that it be speedy. So many states have ye in a condition of suspense between hope and fear."

Livy viii. 13.

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FOREWORD

"Here then will we begin the story: only adding thus much to that which hath been said, that it is a foolish thing to make a long prologue and to be short in the story itself."

