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## EDITOR'S PREFACE.

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THE Athenian writing, here presented to Saxon readers, is the first of a series of classic books which I hope to make the chief domestic treasures of British peasants. But to explain the tenor, and show the grounds, of this hope, I must say in what sense the word 'classic' may be rightly applied to Books, and the word 'peasant' to Britons.

The word 'classic,' when justly applied to a book, means that it contains an unchanging truth, expressed as clearly as it was possible for any of the men living at the time when the book was written, to express it.

'Unchanging' or 'eternal' truth, is that which relates to constant,—or at least in our human experience constant.—things; and which, therefore,