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### PREFACE



HE main purpose of these Roman sketches is to show that the men and women of ancient Rome were like ourselves.

"Born into life!—'tis we, And not the world, are new; Our cry for bliss, our plea, Others have urged it too—

Our wants have all been felt, our errors made before."

It is only when we perceive in "classical antiquity" a human nature similar to our own in its mingling of weakness and strength, vice and virtue, sorrow and joy, defeats and victories that we shall find in its noblest literature an intimate rather than a formal inspiration, and in its history either comfort or warning.

A secondary purpose is to suggest Roman conditions as they may have affected or appeared to men of letters in successive epochs, from the last