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φανῆ, θελήσῃ τ' εἰς ἀναύγητον μολεῖν  
"Διδην, κρεφαῖά τ' ἄμφι Ταρτάρου βάθῃ.—ÆSCHYLUS.

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## PREFACE

THE size of this volume has been determined by the series to which it belongs. Scholars familiar with the period under review will appreciate the constant difficulty attending the selection and compression of the material. It was impossible without unduly increasing the footnotes to make sufficient acknowledgment of indebtedness to modern authorities, or insert a tithe of the mass of citations and references from ancient writers accumulated during the preparation of the work. The author hopes in a later volume to discuss more adequately several themes here treated very succinctly, together with other phases of this most interesting epoch. A fairly comprehensive Bibliography has been added, which, it is hoped, may enhance the value of the volume for students. Some excellent authorities may be omitted, the list being restricted to a selection of the books consulted.

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