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## PREFACE

UNDERTAKEN with a view to one of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Columbia University, this study of Seneca's Satire has grown somewhat unexpectedly. Its brief material, from the curiosity of its subject and the natural search for parallel which it suggests, proved capable of leading to a quite indefinite expansion; so that any scheme of exhaustive treatment, such as the primary object of the work made appropriate, had to yield for the most part to the pursuit of more individual threads of interest.

For the text, I have followed in general that of Bücheler's *editio minor*. The few changes which I have ventured to make are of course particularly explained in the notes, in which attention is called also where any of the present readings differ from others of importance. Of the translation which follows the text, there is only to say that the metrical parts were so rendered for the sake of reproducing, at least in its effect upon the page, the original form of the Menippean satire. The metres of the Latin verses have been copied as nearly as possible, even to the dactyls, whose



ponderous incongruity at certain points seems to have been a part of the author's intention.

My debt to preceding commentators is naturally unlimited. It is defined for particular acknowledgment where this seems fitting, but much of the material of comment has become common property, an evident result of the useful offices of the lexicon as a concordance of examples. My sincerest thanks are offered to those who have helped me by suggestions. Especially to Professor Harry Thurston Peck, at whose proposal the making of this edition of the *Apocolocyntosis* was begun and whose personal interest and criticisms have been as important to its completion as his lectures had been inspiring to the motives of my work, I am under the greatest indebtedness. I wish to add special acknowledgments also to Professor James Chidester Egbert, Jr., to whom I owe, as but one of my obligations, appreciation of the evidences afforded by Latin epigraphy on the historical side of the present study.

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