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MY FATHER

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IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

OF HIS CONSTANT

DEVOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

PREFACE.

Though the Phormio is admittedly one of the best of the plays of Terence, no annotated edition of it suitable for college use has yet been published in America. This fact alone makes it unnecessary, I hope, to apologize for the present volume.

While the text of this edition is, in general, based upon that of Dziatzko, I have often ventured to deviate from his readings, prompted sometimes by suggestions that have been made since his edition was published, sometimes by a conviction that the testimony of the manuscripts, unless demonstrably false, is entitled to more consideration than arbitrary alterations. The Appendix is devoted almost exclusively to a defense of these deviations from Dziatzko's text and to the citation of authorities for statements made in the notes.

In preparing the commentary, I have had before me all important editions of the play and have taken occasional notes from that of Sloman and less frequently from that of Bond and Walpole.

I would here express to Professor Karl Dziatzko my grateful appreciation of his courtesy in giving me permission to use, in any way that might suit my purpose, the very valuable material collected in his own edition of the Phormio, representing as it does a thorough study of all the literature upon Terence and allied subjects that had appeared up to 1884. Much, however, has been done in this field during the last ten years, and the results of such labors have, so far as seemed desirable, been incorporated in the present volume. I have thought it worth while to append below a classified bibliography of the literature especially concerned with Terence that has appeared since the completion of Dziatzko's edition.

I feel myself under lasting obligations to Professor E. M. Pease, Editor-in-chief of the series to which this book belongs, to Professor C. E. Bennett of Cornell University, and to Professor H. N. Fowler of the Western Reserve University, for the searching criticism to which they have subjected all parts of the book. I am further indebted to Professor Pease for his kindness in placing at my service his collation of the Codex Parisinus.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

A. & G. Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar.

B. Bennett's Latin Grammar.

G. Gildersleeve's (Lodge) Latin Grammar.

H. Harkness' Latin Grammar.

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