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PREFACE

THE present volume is one of a series of three Outline Histories, projected by the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press. Of the scope and aim of the book I have written in the Introduction; but I have a few further remarks to make, which seem to belong rather to a preface. The vastness of the period which my work covers naturally precludes any claim to high originality on my part; compelled, as I have been, to rely largely on the labours of others, I have endeavoured to use my best judgment in the choice of authorities and my utmost care and conscientiousness in the use of them. Wherever my own reading has made it possible, I have exercised an independent judgment; and, on some sections, where my own knowledge fell short, I have enjoyed the invaluable assistance of friends. That I have avoided all errors and partial statements is more than I dare hope: for all such sins of omission and commission I can only ask for a merciful judgment.

I must not close without discharging the pleasant duty of acknowledging obligations, both to men and books. Without attempting to give a full bibliography, I would gratefully admit my debt to Eduard Meyer's *Geschichte*

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p. 27 line 9 from bottom *for 562 read 535*

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