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PREFACE

THIS edition of the *Euthydemus* is intended for the use of University Students and the Higher Forms of Public Schools. To such readers there will be little force in the objection made by some critics of a sterner mood that the dialogue is too amusing, too full of satirical humour and even broad comedy, to be worthy of so great a philosopher as Plato. On this character of the 'Literary Form' of the dialogue see the Introduction, § ii.

In revising the text I have made no new collation of manuscripts, but have depended on the critical apparatus of Schanz and the revision of the same by Burnet, except as to a few readings for which I have carefully inspected the phototype of the Codex Clarkianus in the Bodleian Library.

The only original emendations which I have ventured to introduce are 271 $\sigma \gamma \kappa\alpha\theta' \acute{\alpha}$ for $\kappa\alpha\tau\acute{\alpha}$, and 286 $\theta \gamma \Sigma\iota \delta' \acute{\epsilon}\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\epsilon\upsilon\epsilon\tau\epsilon\varsigma$; for $\omicron\upsilon\delta\grave{\epsilon} \kappa\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\upsilon\epsilon\iota\varsigma$.

In attempting to determine the date of the *Euthydemus* and its relation to the *Phaedrus* I have derived most help from the Introductions to the latter dialogue by Stallbaum and Thompson, and from Lutoslawski's *Origin and Growth of Plato's Logic*.

My best thanks are due to the Delegates of the Clarendon Press for allowing the work to be published under their auspices, and to the Secretary and other officials for much valuable assistance and unflinching kindness during the passage of the volume through the press.

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