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PREFACE

This book contains material from a dissertation submitted in the year 1961 to the University of Cambridge for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. No alterations of substance were made to the typescript after June 1966. I have tried, using printed editions of the authors who quote Ennius, to present the evidence which exists concerning each tragedy whose title is known and to discuss the questions to which this evidence is relevant. I have put together under the rubric *INCERTA* those pieces of verse which are quoted by ancient authors in company with Ennius' name and which have been attributed by one modern scholar or another to the tragedies.

My debts are many. The Faculty of Archaeology, History and Letters of the British School at Rome, the Faculty Board of Classics in the University of Cambridge, the Council of St John's College, Cambridge, and the Senate of the University of Sydney gave me financial help at various times. Dr W. Ehlers allowed me in the northern summers of 1957 and 1958 to use the archive and library of the Institute for the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*. Professor O. Skutsch read and criticised a section of my typescript, showed me unpublished work of his own and discussed several problems with me at great length. Mr D. W. Lucas and Dr D. R. Shackleton Bailey read sections of my typescript and made criticisms. Professor C. O. Brink read many drafts of the whole work, devoted much time to writing extensive criticisms of these drafts, tolerated occasional unwillingness to accept good advice and encouraged me in moments of weariness to persevere. The officers of the Cambridge University Press indulged my vagaries and lavished their skill on the somewhat forbidding material with which

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