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## FOREWORD

Professor Richard Koebner, who held the Chair of Modern History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, died before this book was ready for the press. He had devoted many years to the study of the changing concepts of Empire and Imperialism from the Roman age to our day; and completed the story till the early years of the nineteenth century. He had prepared a mass of material for a second volume, which would bring the account of the development of the concept to the end of that century. Happily one of his former students at the Hebrew University, Mr. H. D. Schmidt, has been able, with the help of the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, to complete the manuscript of a further study based on Koebner's notes, bringing the account of the concepts of Empire and Imperialism down to the present day. This further volume is also published by the Cambridge University Press.

Professor Koebner's manuscript was revised by his widow, by Mrs. Behr, and by the writer of this note, before it went to the press. The correction of the proofs was a difficult matter because of the extraordinary depth of his learning in the subject, and the references to official and other documents and obscure books and pamphlets. I would like to express my grateful acknowledgements to Professor C. E. Carrington of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, who has read a large part of the proofs and made many helpful observations, to Professor H. Wirszubski of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who did similar service for the first two chapters, and to Mr. H. D. Schmidt, who has verified references.

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