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PREFACE

This edition of Book III of Propertius is similar in scope and intention to those of Books I and IV which have preceded it (Cambridge University Press, 1961 and 1965). It will, I hope, be followed shortly by an edition of Book II on the same lines. There is in general no need to repeat or amplify here what has been said in earlier prefaces; but it must be emphasized that in this book, as in all Propertius, there are fairly numerous uncertainties of text and interpretation. I have tried neither to obscure nor to exaggerate this fact in the notes below.

Only three transpositions have been adopted, affecting xi, 65–8, xiv, 15–16 and xx, 13–14. Perhaps Postgate's transposition of xix, 15–16 to follow xix, 20 should have been adopted too. Divisions not made by the MSS have been made here in the pieces traditionally numbered viii and xx.

To the lists which I gave earlier of the books which I have principally consulted must be added now the text and translation by Professor Luck which appeared (Zurich, Artemis Verlag) in 1964. Among other friends I have again to thank especially Mr Sandbach, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Lee and Sir Roger Mynors, for help not less generous nor less indispensable than in the past.

With the permission of the Delegates of the Clarendon Press the Latin text of this edition is based, as before, on the Oxford text, in this case the Oxford text of 1960. Divergences are listed on pp. 9–10. Most of the *apparatus* also has been excerpted from the Oxford edition. I am glad to acknowledge gratefully, and with emphasis, this particular debt of my own to the Oxford editor, the late Mr E. A. Barber, as well as the wider obligation to him which I share with all students of Propertius.

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