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PREFACE

Our association started in the relationship of tutor (M.M.W.) and pupil (W.T.M.) at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in the years 1963–5, and continued when we were colleagues at the University of Minnesota in 1971. It was there that the work for this book began, in a jointly given graduate seminar. Responsibility for the finished product is divided, in that the Introduction is the work of W.T.M., the text and metre (including the Appendices) that of M.M.W., who also composed the first draft of the Commentary. All parts, however, have been continuously discussed between us, and there is little or nothing here now with which either would disagree.

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