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*To all the friends, living and dead, who have
helped me over many years*

PREFATORY NOTE

As the two volumes of this work can be bought separately, I may here call attention to the fact that the preface to the whole will be found in Volume I (the narrative volume); but there are a few points which concern this volume only. The Table of Contents largely explains itself, and some such examination of sources as is made in Part I is long overdue. As to the studies which compose Part II, they do not claim to cover all the problems raised by the Alexander-story; they only deal with matters on which I thought I had something to say which needed saying. Two or three are on subjects on which I wrote long ago, but, except for the use made of a recent article of mine in Appendix 24, all these are new studies. As I realise that some readers may desire to read some particular section apart from the rest, I have not hesitated to repeat points made in other sections if they are relevant to the matter under discussion; this has primarily been done for the convenience of readers, but also the same fact in a different setting may disclose a new facet. Putting aside the military section, the other studies do nevertheless form a certain unity; they build up Alexander's character by (I hope) clothing in flesh and blood various things which could only be glanced at in the narrative, and do thus lead up to the most important thing about him, which is considered in Appendix 25. That Appendix naturally draws upon former writings of mine, besides other relevant matter; but I hope the subdivisions will make for clarity in a difficult subject, and I have been able in subdivision VI to go a good deal farther than I have previously done.

The map of Alexander's route to illustrate the narrative in Volume I has been included in this volume also, for, though it does not contain all the places mentioned, its inclusion may save a reader trouble. There are some Addenda at the end of this volume, and there is one other thing to be said. It has been my lot, in Part I, to differ very considerably from Dr F. Jacoby; I should like therefore to acknowledge, once for all, the great amount of help and lightening of labour which I have derived from his admirable work *Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker*.

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