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## PREFACE

‘When a scholar of A. E. Housman’s eminence has disposed of much of his work in periodicals, the convenience of scholars no less than respect for his memory commonly demands the publication of his Collected Papers.’ These are the opening words of A. S. F. Gow’s biographical sketch, published in 1936, the year of Housman’s death. The reason why the re-publication of Housman’s papers has been delayed for over thirty-five years is to be found in a clause of his will:

‘I expressly desire and wish my desire to be made as widely known as possible that none of my writings which have appeared in periodical publications shall be collected and reprinted in any shape or form.’

For undertaking the publication of these papers in defiance of Housman’s express wish we offer no apology, but we offer our reasons, and we offer them with all brevity. It is proper that Housman’s friends and scholars nearer to him in time should have bound themselves by this prohibition; but posterity cannot be bound for ever. Housman’s reputation is secure; and if he feared that the re-publication of earlier judgements later recanted might impair that reputation, or that the absence of an explicit recantation might be interpreted as a continued endorsement, then his fears were unfounded. And even if such fears had been well founded, *littera scripta manet, nescit uox missa reuerti*. In fifteen years the original copyright of Housman’s papers expires, and it could not be expected that their re-publication would be delayed much beyond that time. It would be sad indeed to see them published in a hasty and slipshod manner, or otherwise than in their entirety. Our edition has, we hope, precluded this danger.

We have included all the papers and reviews on classical subjects published by Housman in learned journals; and we have placed in an Appendix the reports of papers read to the Cambridge Philological Society, when these were not published elsewhere in full, and contributions to the papers and books of other scholars when these were expressed in Housman’s own words and offered a substantial statement of opinion, and several miscellaneous items which were unsuited to inclusion in the body of the work. We have decided to publish nothing which Housman did not publish or countenance the publication of in his lifetime. We have therefore made no attempt to include the 1911 Cambridge Inaugural Lecture or such other unauthorised pieces as have been printed or mentioned in print from time to time. That the London Inaugural Lecture of 1892 falls outside our scope may perhaps be disputed; but it can conveniently be read elsewhere. Apart from items later published in a fuller form, we have knowingly omitted only one item which may properly be described as a ‘classical paper’: the transcription of readings from three manuscripts of Ovid

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which Housman appended to a paper by J. P. Postgate in the *Journal of Philology* 22 (1894), 154–6. Without the bibliography compiled by Mr Gow, and the supplement to it published by Professor G. B. A. Fletcher in the *Durham University Journal* 38 (1946), 85–93, our task would have been more difficult and the result less complete. We have been able to add only one item to those which they have recorded, and we cannot be certain that there are not other items which we might have included.

We have tried to present what Housman wrote with the least possible obtrusion of editorial comment. The papers are presented in chronological sequence by years; within each year they are presented according to the alphabetical sequence of the titles of the periodicals in which they appeared. We have checked every reference. Those which we have found to be wrong (they are not few) we have silently corrected. Where Housman has cited the numeration of an edition which is no longer in general use, we have added in double square-brackets a reference to the numeration, if it differs, of the edition which may now be considered standard. The editions which we have used are listed on pp. xi–xiii. Misprints we have silently corrected, and we have reduced to a standard form certain insubstantial typographical details over which Housman probably had no control or perhaps had no concern. We have followed the practice of the Cambridge University Press in the elision of numerals (e.g. 107–11 instead of 107–111, and 117–18 instead of 117–8 or 117–118), but in all other respects we have maintained the style of reference used in each paper. There are many remaining inconsistencies in presentation which we have thought it unwise or unnecessary to remove. Whatever else we have added, such as the references to the places of original publication, or the cross-references in later papers to the page-numbers in this edition of earlier passages to which Housman has alluded, we have enclosed in brackets. Two vertical strokes in the text indicate the division between pages in the original publication; the original page-numbers are added in brackets at the top of the page. The footnotes have been numbered serially by the pages of this edition. To have retained the original numbers would have been cumbersome and confusing, and the reader can work them out for himself, if he wishes, without undue effort.

In the Indexes we have included all passages to whose interpretation or emendation Housman has made some contribution, and all words and topics which are discussed by him. It has often been difficult to adjudge entitlement to inclusion: we have preferred to be liberal rather than parsimonious in our decisions. Where we have added to the text a newer reference in brackets, the Index of Passages incorporates this and not the older reference.

We could not have completed this work had we not received at the outset the encouragement and help of various friends, in particular Mr E. J. Kenney, and the consent of Housman's great-nephew, Mr R. E. Symons. Our gratitude is also due



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to the Librarian of the University of Cambridge for allowing his staff to undertake the laborious task of producing two xerox prints of every page of the original papers, to the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press for undertaking the publication of this work, and to the staff of their Printing House and Editorial Office for the patience, skill, and expert knowledge which they have brought to its production. We have appealed to Dr J. B. Hall many times for advice over editorial problems; and from him, as from Professor H. D. Jocelyn, we have received generous and welcome help in the correction of the proofs.

A friend who has given his encouragement to this work from the beginning, and to whom for many kindnesses we are both indebted, is also the holder of Housman's chair at Cambridge. If we had felt free to prefix a dedication to this edition of Housman's papers, we should have dedicated it to Professor C. O. Brink.

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Aeschylus <i>fragmenta</i>	G. Murray A. Nauck H. J. Mette	Oxford (OCT) 1955 Leipzig 1889 Berlin 1959
Anthologia Lyrica Graeca <sup>2</sup>	E. Diehl	Leipzig (Teubner) 1936
Arcadius	A. Lentz, <i>Herodiani technici reliquiae vol. i</i>	Leipzig 1867
Bacchylides	B. Snell	Leipzig (Teubner) 1961
Callimachus	R. Pfeiffer	Oxford 1949–53
Comicorum Atticorum fragmenta	T. Kock	Leipzig 1880–8
Erotian	E. Nachmanson	Göteborg 1918
Euripides <i>fragmenta</i>	G. Murray A. Nauck H. von Arnim, <i>Suppl. Eurip.</i>	Oxford (OCT) 1902–9 Leipzig 1889 Bonn 1913
Herodotus	D. L. Page, <i>Greek lit. pap. vol. i</i>	London (Loeb) 1942
Hesiod <i>fragmenta</i>	C. Hude F. Solmsen R. Merkelbach and M. L. West	Oxford (OCT) 1927 Oxford (OCT) 1970 Oxford 1967
Hesychius	K. Latte	Copenhagen 1953–
Hippocrates	E. Littré	Paris 1839–61
Libanius	R. Foerster	Leipzig (Teubner) 1903–23
Menander	A. Koerte and A. Thierfelder	Leipzig (Teubner) 1955–8
Nonnus	R. Keydell	Berlin 1959
Orphica	E. Abel	Leipzig & Prague 1885
Paulus Alexandrinus	E. Boer	Leipzig (Teubner) 1958
Pindar	B. Snell	Leipzig (Teubner) 1959–64

<sup>1</sup> This list comprises editions of those texts in which sometimes or always we have found it necessary to supply in double square-brackets references additional to those given by Housman. For the numerous texts of which no edition is mentioned here it may be assumed that we have checked Housman's references against the latest edition (OCT or Teubner or other) commonly in use and that we have found no discrepancy.

<sup>2</sup> From this edition we cite only those poets who are not included by Page in *Poetae melici Graeci*.

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Poetae melici Graeci	D. L. Page	Oxford 1962
Proclus, <i>chrest.</i>	T. W. Allen, <i>Homeri opera vol. v</i>	Oxford (OCT) 1912
Ptolemy, <i>tetr.</i>	F. E. Robbins	London (Loeb) 1940
Sophocles	A. C. Pearson	Oxford (OCT) 1924
<i>fragmenta</i>	A. Nauck	Leipzig 1889
	A. C. Pearson	Cambridge 1917
Stobaeus	C. Wachsmuth and O. Hense	Berlin 1884–1912
Strabo	A. Meineke	Leipzig (Teubner) 1852–3
Suidas	A. Adler	Leipzig 1928–38
Theon Smyrnaeus	E. Hiller	Leipzig (Teubner) 1878

## LATIN

<i>Aetna</i>	F. R. D. Goodyear	Cambridge 1965
Asconius	A. C. Clark	Oxford (OCT) 1907
Ausonius	R. Peiper	Leipzig (Teubner) 1886
Catullus	R. A. B. Mynors	Oxford (OCT) 1958
Charisius	K. Barwick	Leipzig (Teubner) 1925
Cicero, <i>Q.fr.</i>	W. S. Watt	Oxford (OCT) 1958
Cyprianus Gallus, <i>hept.</i>	R. Peiper	Vienna (CSEL) 1891
Ennius, <i>ann.</i>	J. Vahlen	Leipzig 1903
<i>trag.</i>	H. D. Jocelyn	Cambridge 1967
Festus	W. M. Lindsay	Leipzig (Teubner) 1913
Filastrius	F. Marx	Vienna (CSEL) 1898
Firmicus Maternus	W. Kroll, F. Skutsch and K. Ziegler	Stuttgart (Teubner) 1968
Fronto	M. P. J. van den Hout	Leyden 1954
Grammatici Latini	H. Keil	Leipzig 1855–80
Hyginus, <i>fab.</i>	H. J. Rose	Leyden 1934
Lactantius, <i>inst. epit.</i>	P. Brandt	Vienna (CSEL) 1890
Lucretius	C. Bailey	Oxford (OCT) 1922
Manilius	A. E. Housman	Cambridge 1937
Martial	W. M. Lindsay	Oxford (OCT) 1929
Minucius, <i>Oct.</i>	J. P. Waltzing	Leipzig (Teubner) 1931
Nonius	W. M. Lindsay	Leipzig (Teubner) 1903
Oratorum Romanorum <i>fragmenta</i>	H. Malcovati	Turin 1967

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Ovid, <i>her.</i> <sup>1</sup>	R. Ehwald	Leipzig (Teubner) 1916
<i>Ibis</i>	A. La Penna	Florence 1957
<i>met.</i>	R. Ehwald	Leipzig (Teubner) 1915
<i>trist. and ex P.</i>	S. G. Owen	Oxford (OCT) 1915
Petronius	K. Müller	Munich 1961
Phaedrus	J. P. Postgate	Oxford (OCT) 1919
Poetarum Latinorum fragmenta	W. Morel	Leipzig (Teubner) 1927
Poetarum scaenicorum fragmenta <sup>2</sup>	O. Ribbeck	Leipzig (Teubner) 1897–8
Probus, in <i>Verg. buc.</i> <i>et georg.</i>	G. Thilo and H. Hagen, <i>Seruii in Verg. comm.</i>	Leipzig 1880–1902
Propertius	E. A. Barber	Oxford (OCT) 1953
Scholia in Ouidi Ibin	A. La Penna	Florence 1959
Seneca maior	H. J. Müller	Vienna 1887
Seneca, <i>apoc.</i>	F. Buecheler and W. Heraeus	Berlin 1922
<i>nat.</i>	A. Gercke	Leipzig (Teubner) 1907
Solinus	T. Mommsen	Berlin 1864
Statius, <i>Ach.</i>	H. W. Garrod	Oxford (OCT) 1906
<i>silu.</i>	J. S. Phillimore	Oxford (OCT) 1918
Suetonius, <i>Caes.</i>	M. Ihm	Leipzig (Teubner) 1908
<i>gramm.</i>	G. Brugnoli	Leipzig (Teubner) 1960
Tacitus	E. Koestermann	Leipzig (Teubner) 1960–2
Tibullus	J. P. Postgate	Oxford (OCT) 1914
Valerius Flaccus	E. Courtney	Leipzig (Teubner) 1970

<sup>1</sup> In our references to Ehwald's edition of the *heroides* we have ignored the re-numbering of 15–21 which he adopts, although we continue to give his line numbers in the individual poems.

<sup>2</sup> Except the fragments of Ennius' tragedies, for which we refer instead to Jocelyn.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<i>AJPh</i>	<i>American Journal of Philology</i>
<i>BPhW</i>	<i>Berliner Philologische Wochenschrift</i>
<i>CPh</i>	<i>Classical Philology</i>
<i>CQ</i>	<i>Classical Quarterly</i>
<i>CR</i>	<i>Classical Review</i>
<i>CSEL</i>	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
<i>GLK</i>	<i>Grammatici Latini</i> , ed. Keil
<i>GLP</i>	<i>Greek Literary Papyri</i>
<i>JPh</i>	<i>Journal of Philology</i>
<i>OCT</i>	<i>Oxford Classical Text</i>
<i>ORF</i>	<i>Oratorum Romanorum Fragmenta</i>
<i>PCA</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Classical Association</i>
<i>PCPhS</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society</i>
<i>PhW</i>	<i>Philologische Wochenschrift</i>
<i>PLF</i>	<i>Poetarum Latinorum Fragmenta</i>
<i>TCPHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Cambridge Philological Society</i>