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Ἄλλά μοι συγγνώμην εὐγνωμόνων ἐντεῦθεν ὁ λόγος αἰτεῖ, μείζονα ἢ καθ' ἡμετέραν δύναμιν ὁμολογῶν εἶναι τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν ἐντελῆ καὶ ἀπαραλείπτου ὑποσχεῖν (Eus. *H.E.* I. I. 3).

Thus did Eusebius crave indulgence at the beginning of his *Church History*, and I cannot find a better quotation with which to preface this work, which is neither 'complete' nor 'perfect'. It does not cover the whole of the life and works of Eusebius, and has no pretensions to being the last word even on the topics with which it deals. The literature bearing on the period covered by the life of Eusebius is enormous, and in the case of one who has been unable to give a lifetime to studying it, a great deal of this literature has of necessity been neglected. Originally this work was planned on a much more ambitious scale, but as pressure of teaching duties made it impossible to see when it could be completed, I decided to publish it more or less in the form in which it was awarded a Thirlwall Medal in 1927. It may be pointed out that the work, in its present form, deals with two distinct periods in the life of Eusebius. After the introductory chapter, it deals with his life to the end of the Great Persecution (chaps. II and III),

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and then with his position in the Arian controversy (chaps. iv–vi).

I wish to thank many friends for assistance given at various times; in particular, I wish to thank Mr T. R. Glover, at whose suggestion I first began to work on Eusebius, for constant encouragement, Mr Norman H. Baynes, for help and advice on many occasions, and for bringing to my notice works of which I should not otherwise have known, and Professor N. H. Parker, my colleague in Toronto from 1925 to 1928, for reading my manuscript and pointing out various matters of detail. Finally, I wish to thank the Syndics of the University Press for undertaking the publication of the work, and the Press reader for saving me from many pitfalls.

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