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To

DIL & ELEANOR CALVIN

*Haud equidem sine mente reor sine numine divom
Adsumus et portus delati intramus amicos*

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PREFACE

The suggestion was made to me some time ago by a friend well known in the world of education that a book was needed which would let the ordinary student of the New Testament realize something of the society in which the Early Church found itself, something of the ideas and hopes and the traditions on which men lived, something of the political conditions which had made the Roman Empire and which still sustained it, something of the everyday life of the ordinary people in street and home. It is to meet that suggestion that this book has been written. In such an attempt as this the two chief difficulties are to omit and to interpret. Others would have laid stress on other facts and other phases of the world here described, and would be justified in their choice. That is one reason why the period is so amazingly interesting. "Here is God's plenty", as Dryden said of Chaucer. For those who wish to go farther there is added at the end of the volume a short list of books that will really take them into the subject—generally books which will be found enjoyable.

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