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P R E F A C E

ANY study of the Etruscans and their place in Roman history must inevitably cover some ground on which much work has already been done. Thus on the "Etruscan question" I have no novel theory to offer, but have endeavoured to state the chief opposing views and to give my reasons for inclining to one of them. I have tried to investigate some of the underlying causes of the growth and the decline of the Etruscan supremacy in Italy, to make a fresh estimate of the manner and extent of the Etruscan contribution to Roman civilization, and to throw some light on the state of Etruria after the Roman conquest. I have made it my aim to visit all the sites and monuments in Italy to which I have occasion to refer, and I acknowledge with gratitude the assistance in this respect which I have had from Dr Ashby and Mrs Strong, of the British School at Rome, and from the inspectors of antiquities and directors of museums wherever I went.

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I am aware that I have not been wholly consistent in the use of ancient and modern proper names. But it has seemed natural as a rule to use the ancient name when alluding to events in ancient history, and the modern when alluding to modern archaeological discoveries. I cannot bring myself to speak either of “Lars Porsena king of Chiusi” or of “the Civic Museum at Clusium.”

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