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## PREFACE.

THE subject which is treated of in the present volume has been already dealt with on a scale adapted to the needs of advanced scholars by the late Sir E. H. Bunbury in his *History of Ancient Geography*—a book equally conspicuous for learning and for judgement, and one which, it may safely be affirmed, will not readily be superseded. But the size of that comprehensive work unfits it for the use of ordinary students, and its elaborate detail and numerous digressions, though none of these are superfluous, tend to withdraw the mind of the reader from the process of development of the story which it tells. For these reasons it has been thought that a shorter and simpler book on the same topic may be of service by bringing out to view the more salient points which it involves, and by rendering clearer the continuous progress of the science from its early dawn in the Homeric period to its fullest extension in the Augustan age. It is hoped that in this way the interest of other than classical readers may be enlisted in the subject—an interest which it deserves on account of the variety of the questions with

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which it deals, and its direct connexion with the study of modern geography. The narratives of expeditions—such as that of Alexander in Asia, and, on a smaller scale, those of Hanno on the west coast of Africa and of Pytheas in the northern sea—and the history of early enquiries into the causes which regulate the movement of the tides, and of the progressive attempts that were made to construct a scheme of latitudes and longitudes, possess an interest which is not limited to the period at which these were made. With a view to the convenience of this class of readers technical phraseology has been as far as possible avoided, and quotations from classical writers have been relegated to the notes. On the other hand, to suit the requirements of students these quotations have been given in full, whenever the subject which they illustrate is affected by the expressions used in the original, or the works in which they occur are not easily accessible.

The author desires to express his obligations in the first place to Sir E. H. Bunbury's work, already mentioned, which he has consulted throughout; and also, though in a lesser degree, to Dr C. Müller's *Geographi Graeci Minores*, and Dr Hugo Berger's *Geschichte der Wissenschaftlichen Erdkunde der Griechen*. On the subject of the spread of the Greek colonies he has consulted the chapter in Curtius' *History of Greece* on "The Hellenes beyond the Archipelago," and for Alexander's Eastern expedition the twelfth volume of Grote's *History*. His other obligations have been acknowledged in the notes.

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