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PREFACE

THE study of Roman History is not as a rule commenced before a student has gained a fair knowledge of the history of his own country. By that time he should have learnt that historical facts and dates are useful, not as disconnected fragments of information, but as the necessary basis for a knowledge of the tendencies and influences which have been at work in the development of a nation.

This book attempts to tell the story of Rome as the growth and decay of a living organism, till it is born again in the new form of an empire. With this aim, stress has been laid on the development of Roman character, on social and political tendencies, on the state of Italy and the Provinces and their relations to Rome, and on the steps in the revolution during the last century of the Republic. Maps and illustrations have been added, and a list of the most important dates and events has been placed at the end of almost every chapter.

The book is intended primarily for the use of middle and upper forms in Public Schools. It is hoped that it may serve to introduce a boy to Roman History and to give him a clear general view, which shall help him when he goes on to work in detail at a special period. If it arouses in the minds of some boys an interest in the subject and a desire to read further for themselves, it will have fulfilled its purpose.

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Four chapters have been added, carrying the story down to the death of Constantine. It has been necessary to omit much, but an attempt has been made at the end of Chapters XXVII and XXVIII to call attention to some of the main features of the world of the Roman Empire. The new departure under Diocletian is described at somewhat further length.

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