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PLATE I. THE PARTHENON. (After the restored model in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City)

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND REVISED EDITION

The first revision of this book, as stated in the preface to the edition of 1904, was issued sixteen years after its first publication as a textbook. After another interval, of twelve years, I now give out this second revised edition. The text has again been subjected in every part to a careful revision and the latest assured results of discovery and research have been incorporated. The additions include, besides many new sections, a wholly new chapter (under the title of *Ægean Civilization*) on the Cretan and the Mycenæan period. The series of cuts has been augmented by the addition of many new illustrations, including five plates in colors. Works of special importance that have appeared since the issue of the first revised edition of the book have been added to the bibliographies, and books superseded by later works omitted from the lists.

In the Topics for Class Reports the subjects suggested, it will be noted, bear largely on the private life, the manners, and the customs of the period under review; that is, on matters which could not be given detailed treatment in the text without leaving lank and meager the narrative of events. That the citations for readings in the preparation of these reports might possess the maximum of usefulness for schools whose expenditures for books must be carefully limited, these selections have, in so far as possible, been restricted to just a few of the best, yet inexpensive, books on the subjects named.

For assistance that I have received in the work of revision on this edition I am under special indebtedness to Dr. W. Max Müller, of the University of Pennsylvania, who kindly read the manuscript of the

chapters on the Orient and favored me with many valuable suggestions. To Dr. Joseph Edward Harry, of the University of Cincinnati, I also owe thanks for aid in reading the proofsheets of the chapters on Greek history, and to Mr. Stillman Percy Roberts Chadwick, of The Phillips Exeter Academy, for a similar service in connection with the proofsheets of the chapters covering the history of Rome.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST REVISED EDITION

I cannot perhaps better introduce what I have to say here than by quoting the following paragraph from the preface to the 1888 edition of this work: "The following pages are a revision and expansion of . . . my *Outlines of Ancient History*, which was published as a library book in 1882 by Messrs. Harper & Brothers. It is through the generous action of these publishers that I have had the advantage of making this earlier work the basis of the present text-book."

After the lapse of sixteen more years I now give out the present revised edition. The Oriental portion of the work has been almost wholly rewritten; the Greek part is based on my *History of Greece* (1895); the Roman portion on my *Rome: Its Rise and Fall* (1901).

Besides this brief statement of fact there are various other things relating to the scope and aim of the work that might properly enough be said in this place; but the book must speak for itself. I write these prefatory words solely to express my gratitude to those who have helped me, and in doing this to disclaim title to that which does not belong to me. It would not be right should I withhold the fact that during the years I have labored on the volume I have from time to time been assisted by several eminent historical scholars, and that, while the faults of the book are all my own, to these scholars should be ascribed in part whatever merits it may possess. To Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, of Cornell University, I am deeply indebted for aiding me in the revision of the proof sheets of the chapters of the Oriental part of the volume; to Dr. Rufus B. Richardson, for many years head of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, I owe special thanks for reading the proofs of the Greek portion; to Dr. Eduard Meyer, of the University of Halle, and Professor Henry F. Pelham, of the University of Oxford, I am indebted for

reading all the chapters (but in their more extended form as they appear in my *Rome: Its Rise and Fall*) of the Roman part; while to Professor George L. Burr, of Cornell University, I am under like deep obligation for giving me his scholarly aid in the revision of the sheets of those chapters of my *Middle Ages* on which the continuation of the present work from the extinction of the Roman Empire in the West to its restoration by Charlemagne is based.

I wish further to make grateful acknowledgment of the assistance given me by Mrs. Mabel E. Hodder, graduate student of Radcliffe College, Cambridge, in the revision and extension of the bibliographies of the Greek and Roman chapters; and of the aid I have received from my former pupil, Miss Lucy M. Blanchard, who has kindly given me the benefit of long class-room use of the earlier work by making various suggestions which I have found very helpful.

I would also tender my thanks to the officers of the Architectural Library of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, of the Fogg Museum of Harvard University, of the Public Library of Boston, and of the Public Library of Cincinnati, for the use and loan of books, photographs, and other illustrative material. . . . In this connection it is fitting that mention should be made of the fact that the many fine pen drawings which embellish the book are by the artist Mr. Homer W. Colby of Boston.

Lastly, to my publishers I feel prompted to express my appreciation of the generosity they have shown, exceeding even what I have dared to suggest, in enriching the volume with maps, cuts, and plates; and to make acknowledgment of the courtesies and efficient aid I have received from the heads and members of the various departments of their house.

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