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PREFACE

The translation is based upon the text of Edmund Hedicke, Leipzig, Teubner, 1908, with a few changes. Numerous alterations have been made in the punctuation, especially in the use of the semi-colon for the colon in accordance with English usage, in not pointing off with commas all relative clauses, regardless of their nature and their connexion with the rest of the sentence, and in the omission (more rarely the addition) of other commas, the presence or absence of which tends to obscure the meaning.

The notes on the text are designed to show the condition and the relation of the manuscripts. They are probably still too numerous (some may say superfluous), but they have been considerably shortened by omitting obvious changes by early editors, especially in proper names, at the risk of robbing some such editor of the honour of a conjecture; also by not recording the most obvious readings of the I-class of codices (see Introd., p. xi).

There are two systems of numbering and citing the text of Curtius, by book, chapter, and section (e.g. v. 13. 25 on p. ix, note), and by book, shorter paragraph, and section (e.g. for this reference v. 38. 25). The earlier editors cite by the latter system, modern editors by the former; so Hedicke, who however re-



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tains the numbers of the shorter paragraphs. In this edition the shorter paragraphs have been omitted.

A map will be found at the end of both volumes and a complete Index (prepared by J. R. Workman, Ph.D.) at the end of Volume II.

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It is with a profound sense of a personal loss that the Editors of the Loeb Classical Library record here the death of Professor Rolfe, their collaborator of many years. His editions in the Library of Suetonius, Sallust, Gellius, Nepos and Ammianus bear witness to the breadth of his learning and the conscientiousness of his work. He had read the galley-proofs of both volumes of Curtius at least once and the page proofs of Volume I. The Editors have taken over the work that remained to be done, which consisted in verifying the critical notes under the Text, the references in the notes under the Translation, in seeing that the translation was in harmony with the readings finally adopted and, in a few instances, modifying the translation.

Professor Rolfe was a graduate of Harvard, a Doctor of Philosophy of Cornell, and for thirty years the senior Professor of Latin in the University of Pennsylvania. He had studied much abroad, chiefly in Greece, Italy and Germany. He had long been a member of the American Philosophical Society.

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