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## FOREWORD

A YEAR ago Mr. Cyril Bailey in his happily phrased foreword to the opening number of *Greece and Rome* set out the reasons which had prompted the launching of what was a somewhat novel venture. At the same time he outlined the policy which he understood that the editors had it in mind to pursue. My task is a simpler one. The dominant note of the foreword to the second volume can only be one of congratulation to every one who has been actively concerned in the enterprise. From the point of view of the reader, at all events, the measure of success achieved has exceeded expectations. I am sure that others must have been as pleasantly surprised as I have been at the consistently high level of quality and interest which it has proved possible to maintain, as well as at the skilful way in which different varieties of taste have been provided for. Classical schoolmasters and schoolmistresses must have found in the new journal much that was stimulating and not a little that was directly and practically useful. Nor is it easy to believe that there are many sixth-form pupils to whom it would fail to make appeal. But Mr. Bailey mentioned another class for whom it was hoped to cater—the many whose avocations lie in quite different fields, but who still cherish their love of all connected with that ancient world which is so extraordinarily modern. It is perhaps for them that I am best qualified to speak, and I have little doubt that their experience in perusing *Greece and Rome* has been similar to my own. Not once but many times I was tempted to repeat—

Audire et videor pius  
Errare per lucos, amoenae  
Quos et aquae subeunt et aurae.

There is one thing more that I should like to say. I am told that a remarkable and gratifying feature of the circulation figures is the amount of support that has been forthcoming from outside the ranks of the Classical Association. May we not look forward to the time when many of those 'shy traffickers' will be ready to join the parent body? And, conversely, may we not expect a larger proportion of those who are already full members to keep a corner on their shelves for *Greece and Rome*?

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