PREFACE.

IN bringing before the public a second edition of the first volume of this Sophocles, my thanks are in the first place due to the friends who have called my attention to some of the numerous defects and errors of the former edition; especially to the Master of Balliol, to whom I now venture to dedicate this work; to Professor Lushington, to whom I owe more than I can estimate, and wish that I could owe still more; to my friend and *collaborateur* in the smaller edition, Mr. Evelyn Abbott; and to my former pupils, Mr. John Masson and Mr. W. G. Rutherford, whose interest in my labours has been of great assistance to me, and without whom this volume would have been less accurate than it is. Mr. Rutherford and Mr. A. J. Ashton have prepared the index. Another friend and former pupil, Mr. Hugh Campbell, has re-collated Par. E.

To the criticisms which appeared in the Cambridge Philological Journal [1], in Hermathena, and in the Revue Critique, I trust I shall be found to have given the attention which was merited by the position and reputation of their authors. They contained valuable suggestions on points of detail, and also raised some general questions on which it is necessary that a few words should here be said.

I. Dr. Kennedy objects to the scant mention of previous interpreters in the explanatory notes. In doing so he is

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[1] I must own to having derived benefit from Dr. Kennedy's 'Studia Sophoclea,' although his magisterial style may have sometimes tempted the remark, ὦ γεννᾶιε, πραότερόν με προδίδασκε, ἵνα μὴ ἀποφοιτήσω ἀπὸ σοῦ.