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To

SIR CHARLES THOMAS NEWTON, K.C.B.,
PROFESSOR RЕGINALD STUART POOLE,
DR. BARCLAY VINCENT HEAD,
AND
MY OTHER COLLEAGUES AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM,
1871-1887,

I gratefully Dedicate these Papers,
IN GREAT PART WRITTEN WHILE I ENJOYED THE INESTIMABLE
ADVANTAGE OF THEIR SOCIETY AND DAILY COUNSEL.
The object of the present work is to try to call more general attention to the results of recent excavation in Greek lands. This object I have tried to express in the title chosen: it will of course be understood that the New Chapters are not the chapters of this book, but the chapters which have been opened to us at Mycenae, at Olympia, and in the other scenes of recent researches. The interest of these researches is many-sided: some people will be attracted by their mythologic, some by their artistic results, some by their bearing on ancient life and manners, and so forth. On their artistic aspects I have scarcely touched, this book being not primarily concerned with art. My endeavour has been to set forth briefly, and, if possible, in a way tending to interest all Phil-hellenes, the gains which the excavations of the last twenty years have brought us in regard to our knowledge of Greek history, using the word history in the widest sense, as covering not only political events, but all sides of the activity of a nation.

About half of the matter in this work has been printed before. The greater part of Chapters IV., VI., VII., VIII., IX., XV. has appeared in the Quarterly Review.
most of Chapter X. in the Contemporary Review, most of Chapter XI. in the Fortnightly Review, and parts of Chapters I., V. in Macmillan's Magazine. Chapters I., II., III., XII., XIII., XIV. are mainly or entirely unpublished, and V. and VI. are in great part new. I have to thank the proprietors of the Contemporary and Fortnightly Reviews and of Macmillan's Magazine for permission freely to use this old material. I have carefully revised it, in some cases almost re-writing, and in all cases endeavouring to bring my work up to the level of recent knowledge. One chapter only, that on the Successors of Alexander, I have not attempted to revise. It is evident that so slight a sketch of so vast a subject could not be seriously corrected. The claim of this paper to appear in the present book rests on the fact that it embodies the results of considerable numismatic research.

As a rule the inscriptions found at the sites dealt with in these chapters have not been discussed, as such discussion would have been too technical, and dealt only with detached points. Besides, to deal only with the subject-matter of the inscriptions discovered on the one site of Olympia would take a volume. Inscriptions do, however, furnish the main theme of two Chapters, XII. and XIV.

The Chapters are quite independent, excepting II. to V., in which is attempted the very difficult task of giving a slight account of the recent discoveries of the remains of pre-historic Greece. In a subject so rapidly moving and so full of false lights, it is dangerous to commit oneself to any views; and it is almost certain that future discovery will modify any views set forth under the