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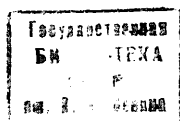
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## PREFACE.

THIS edition of the *Somnium Scipionis* of Cicero was undertaken at the suggestion of a well-known scholar, who expressed his surprise that this celebrated extract had not been edited for the use of schools in this country.

Whether one regards the nature of the subject, the mode of its treatment, the history of the characters in the dialogue, or the vicissitudes of the work of which the *Somnium* formed part, it is hardly conceivable that a youthful reader could fail to find in it something, which would excite in him that curiosity, the absence of which too often distinguishes the student of a Classic from the peruser of a Novel.

In preparing my notes I have made constant use of the old commentary of Macrobius, and of the editions of Moser and Creuzer (Francof. ad M. 1826),—the great storehouse, from which later editors must continue to draw,—of Osann (Gotting. 1847), and of Dr Carl Meissner (Leipzig, 1878): I have also consulted, but with little profit, one or two French editions.