

HISTORY OF LIBERTY.

PART I.

THE ANCIENT ROMANS.

A

HISTORY
OF
LIBERTY.

PART I.
THE ANCIENT ROMANS.

BY
SAMUEL ELIOT.

"Romane spatium est urbis et orbis idem."

Ovid.

"The history of the world is one of God's own great poems."

Have.

A NEW EDITION.

IN TWO VOLUMES.

VOL. I,

BOSTON:
LITTLE, BROWN AND COMPANY.

1853.

C

A

Entered, according to Act of Congress, in the year 1853, by
SAMUEL ELIOT,
In the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the District of Massachusetts.

RIVERSIDE, CAMBRIDGE:
PRINTED BY H. O. HOUGHTON AND COMPANY.

PREFACE TO THE NEW EDITION.

THIS work, originally issued under the title of *The Liberty of Rome*, is now republished as the first part of a *History of Liberty*. It has been not only revised, but rewritten, in the hope that it might be made more worthy of the public favor.

To write history acceptably to the generality of readers is my earnest desire. I have taken for my subject a principle in which all men are concerned, and to which all the events of human history are related. It has seemed to me that in tracing the course of this principle, we might gain some new ideas respecting history, some new convictions respecting liberty. Such an aim is far too high to be attained by composing a work for the use merely of what is called the literary class. I write for my fellow-men as well as for my fellow-scholars.