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FROM THE AGE OF ALEXANDER TO  
THE ROMAN CONQUEST

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## P R E F A C E

THIS book is intended as the natural sequel to my *Social Life in Greece from Homer to Menander*, which is now before the public in its fifth edition. The new title I had at first adopted was accordingly *Social Life in Greece from Menander to Polybius*, but, as the work grew, I found it necessary to modify considerably the original plan. For, in the first place, Greek life after the conquests of Alexander extends far beyond the bounds of Greece, and its most interesting phases are in Syria and Egypt.

In *Greek Life and Thought* I mean, therefore, to include all the life of Greek-born, or Greek-speaking, people, wherever they dwelt. Perhaps I should have called it *Hellenistic* Life and Thought, but the proper force of that adjective, as distinct from Hellenic, requires explanation ; and, moreover, the book does not exclude later Hellenedom, or strictly Greek society, as distinguished from the Hellenism of