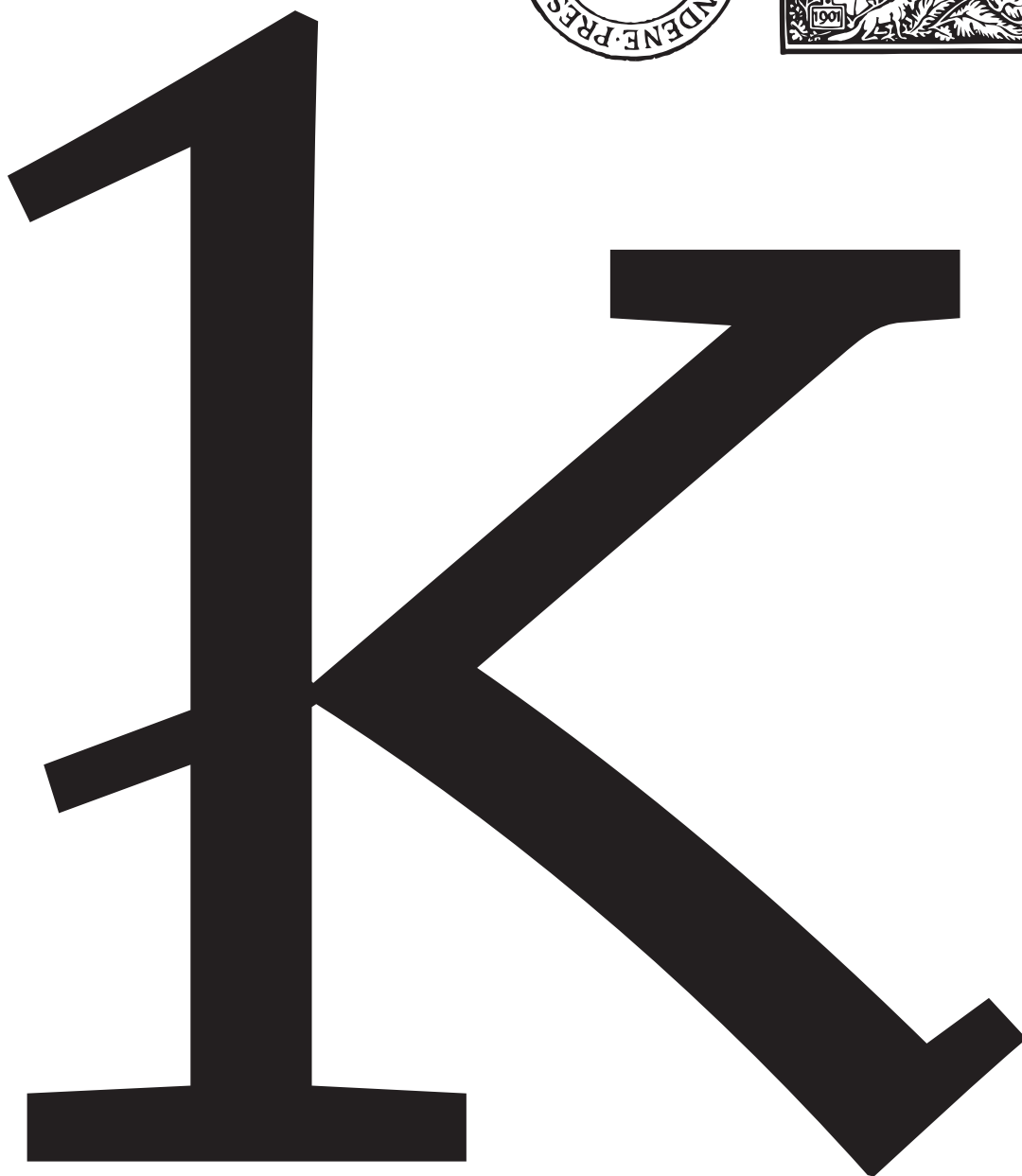


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PTOLEMY GREAT-PRIMER 18

ST JOHN HORNBY
SIDNEY COCKERELL
EMERY WALKER
EDWARD PRINCE

CHELSEA 1927



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Non eram nescius Brute cum quae summis ingeniis exquisitaque doctrina philosophi Graeco sermone tractavissent ea Latinis litteris mandarem fore ut hic noster labor in varias reprehensiones incurreret. nam quibusdam et iis quidem non admodum indoctis totum hoc displicet philosophari. quidam autem non tam id reprehendunt si remissius agatur sed tantum studium tamque multam operam ponendam in eo non arbitrantur. erunt etiam et ii quidem eruditi Graecis litteris contemnentes Latinas qui se dicant in Graecis legendis operam malle consumere. postremo aliquos futuros suspicor qui me ad alias litteras vocent genus hoc scribendi etsi sit elegans personae tamen et dignitatis esse negent. Contra quos omnis dicendum breviter existimo. Quamquam philosophiae quidem vituperatoribus satis responsum est eo libro quo a nobis philosophia defensa et collaudata est cum esset accusata et vituperata ab Hortensio. qui liber cum et tibi probatus videretur et iis quos ego posse iudicare arbitrarer plura suscepi veritus ne movere hominum studia viderer retinere non posse. Qui autem si maxime hoc placeat moderatius tamen id volunt fieri difficilem quandam temperantiam postulant in eo quod semel admissum coerceri reprimique non potest ut propemodum iustioribus utamur illis qui omnino avocent a philosophia quam his qui rebus infinitis modum constituent in reque eo meliore quo maior sit mediocritatem desiderent. Sive enim ad sapientiam perveniri potest non paranda nobis solum ea sed fruenda etiam sapientia est sive hoc difficile

est tamen nec modus est ullus investigandi veri nisi inveneris et quaerendi defatigatio turpis est cum id quod quaeritur sit pulcherrimum. etenim si delectamur cum scribimus quis est tam invidus qui ab eo nos abducat sin laboramus quis est qui alienae modum statuatur industriae nam ut Terentianus Chremes non inhumanus qui novum vicinum non vult fodere aut arare aut aliquid ferre denique non enim illum ab industria sed ab inliberali labore deterret sic isti curiosi quos offendit nos ter minime nobis iniucundus labor. is igitur est difficilior satis facere qui se Latina scripta dicunt contemnere. in quibus hoc primum est in quo admirer cur in gravissimis rebus non delectet eos sermo patrius cum idem fabellas Latinas ad verbum e Graecis expressas non inviti legant. quis enim tam inimicus paene nomini Romano est qui Ennii Medeam aut Antiocham Pacuvii spernat aut reiciat quod se isdem Euripidis fabulis delectari dicat Latinas litteras oderit Synephebos ego inquit potius Caecilii aut Andriam Terentii quam utramque Menandri legam A quibus tantum dissentio ut cum Sophocles vel optime scripserit Electram tamen male conversam Atilii mihi legendam putem de quo Lucilius ferreum scriptorem verum opinor scriptorem tamen ut legendus sit. rudem enim esse omnino in nostris poetis aut inertissimae segnitiae est aut fastidii delicatissimi. mihi quidem nulli satis eruditi videntur quibus nostra ignota sunt. an tinam ne in nemore nihilo minus legimus quam hoc idem Graecum quae autem de bene beateque vivendo a Platone disputata sunt haec explicari non place-

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