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THIS Fourth Edition of "OTIS'S BOTTA," is dedicated, in token of acknowledgment for the distinction conferred upon the Translator, on the appearance of the first edition.

This honour was not the less flattering for having been imparted early, and in 1821, before the public voice had been declared upon the merit of the work. "Gloria est consentiens laus honorum, incorrupta vox bene judicantium de excellenti virtute." The writer has not been unmindful of his obligations as a member of this Society, whose objects are the most noble that man can have in view; but has now in manuscript, a careful translation of Cicero's Offices, Old Age, and Friendship, comprising the best system of Moral Philosophy, by common consent of the wiser part of mankind, for two thousand years, that the world has ever seen; and of which there has never been an American edition by any other author.

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