

whom he tenderly loved among the conspirators, he exclaimed : "And you, too, Brutus!" then drawing his mantle over his face he resigned himself to his fate.

II. — Second Triumvirate. — Antony. — Octavius. — Lepidus. — 45. Mark Antony, a former lieutenant of Cæsar incited the mob against the murderers of the Dictator : their houses were burnt and Brutus and Cassius fled to Modena. Antony was named consul and remained master of Rome. He ruled so despotically that soon a rival appeared in the person of Octavius, nephew and adopted son of Cæsar. Although he was but nineteen at the time he possessed the skill of a consummate politician. He won the favor of the people by acquitting the legacies of Cæsar even at his personal expense, and that of the Senate by securing the good will of Cicero whom he called his father and whose advice he apparently followed. In virtue of his reputation, his liberality, and his promises he quickly attracted soldiers to his service and soon found himself at the head of an army.



The Senate began to fear Octavius and withdrew from his influence ; on the other hand, Antony perceived that he was fast losing his power, and after trying to check Octavius, he saw that reconciliation was the safest