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## **ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR:**

Sir Richard Claverhouse Jebb, OM, FBA (27 August 1841 – 9 December 1905) was a British classical scholar and politician.

He was born in Dundee, Scotland. His father was a well-known barrister, and his grandfather a judge. His sister was the social reformer Eglantyne Louisa Jebb,

founder of the Home Arts and Industries Association; his niece, Eglantyne's daughter Eglantyne Jebb, co-founded the Save the Children Fund and wrote the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

He was educated at Charterhouse School and at Trinity College, Cambridge. He won the Porson and Craven scholarships, was senior classic in 1862, and became fellow and tutor of his college in 1863. From 1869 to 1875 he was public orator of the university; Professor of Greek at Glasgow from 1875 to 1889, and Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge from 1889 until his death. His successor was Henry Jackson. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1902.

In 1891 he was elected Member of Parliament for Cambridge University; he was knighted in 1900. Jebb was acknowledged to be one of the most brilliant classical scholars of his time, a humanist and an unsurpassed translator from and into the classical languages. A collected volume, *Translations into Greek and Latin*, appeared in 1873 (ed. 1909). He received many honorary degrees from European and American universities, and in 1905 was made a member of the Order of Merit. In 1874, he married the widow of General Adam J. Slemmer, of the United States army; she survived him.

The most important of Jebb's publications are:

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