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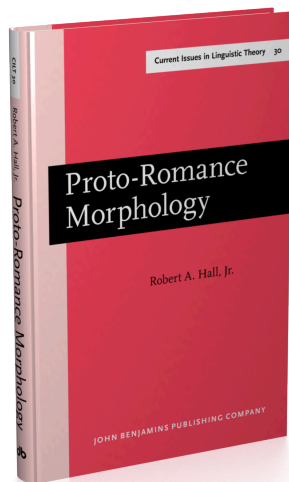
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PREFACE

The present volume is the third in the series forming a Comparative Grammar of the Romance Languages. The first (Hall 1974) dealt with their "external history," i.e. the conditions under which they developed, were used, and (in some instances) went out of use. The second (Hall 1976) treated the phonology of their common source, Proto-Romance, as it can be reconstructed on the basis of the languages themselves and in comparison with Classical Latin. Similarly, this volume deals with the reconstructed morphology of Proto-Romance. It is hoped to present, in future volumes, the syntax of Proto-Romance and its lexicon. In this fashion, light is cast, not only on Popular Latin speech by means of its surviving elements in the Romance languages, but also on the extent to which the comparative method can be regarded as valid and useful in instances where no attestations are available for a language as closely related to the reconstructed proto-language as High Classical Latin was to Proto-Romance.

In the preparation of this, as of the two previous volumes of the series, I have of course drawn upon the great mass of work done by over a century of our predecessors in Romance linguistics and philology, and above all on the great foundation laid by W. Meyer-Lübke in his *Romanische Grammatik* (1890-1900) and in his *Romanisches etymologisches Wörterbuch* (1911; third edition, 1936). I am also indebted to reviewers of Hall 1974 and 1976 for positive suggestions, and to my wife Alice M. Colby-Hall for valuable discussion of the problems involved in Romance linguistics and philology.

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