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PREFACE

THE texts published in this volume have been copied by Mr. T. G. H. James, Assistant Keeper in the Department, who has also prepared the descriptions of the sculptures on which they are inscribed. They include all the material of their class dating from the Old Kingdom now in the possession of the Museum. Seventy-five of these texts were published in the First edition of *Hieroglyphic Texts in the British Museum*, Part I, a work which has been out of print for many years; eleven of the remainder were included in Part VI of the same publication, and twenty-four are published in this series for the first time. In the course of his re-collation of the published texts, Mr. James, with the aid of comparative material which was not available to his predecessors, has been able to add many new readings and to correct passages which had been misunderstood.

Because of the palaeographic interest of Old Kingdom signs, which the standard hieroglyphic fount could not reproduce, the plates in this volume have been traced by hand from photographs and collated with the originals. Some of the sculptures have suffered from the action of salt, and in consequence hieroglyphic signs, which could be seen in the first decade of this century when the previous edition was prepared, have now crumbled away. It has been considered preferable to show, in these cases, only the text now visible.

An innovation, which has been prompted by the time which must elapse before it will be possible to prepare complete indexes to this series, is the addition of indexes of the personal names and official titles occurring in the texts published in this volume.

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