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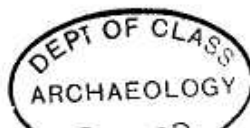
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## PREFACE.

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THIS little work, which is a reprint from the *Numismatic Chronicle* for 1882, is intended to take its place in the series of historico-numismatic monographs which Mr. Head and myself have published in recent years. In a few features it presents novelty, compared with the rest. I have here devoted more of the available space to an explanation of the types of the coins discussed, and have included in my lists the coins issued under the Roman Empire. These, indeed, bear almost always interesting types, and frequently aid us in the explanation of previous autonomous issues. I have also inserted a chapter on the coins of Samian colonies. I have, however, endeavoured to retain strictly the historical point of view.

The labour of ascertaining what coins of Samos were preserved in various museums could not be light; but it was made pleasant by the courtesy and kindness of the owners of private and custodians of public collections to whom I applied. Messrs. Muret and Babelon of the French Bibliothèque Nationale, Dr. von Sallet of Berlin, and Dr. Riggauer of Munich, kindly furnished me with casts or lists, and Mr. E. H. Bunbury was good enough to show me his collection. But to four private collectors I am still more indebted: to M. Six, who lent me a list of all the coins of Samos known to him; to Mr. Whittall, who

furnished me with casts, and allowed me to publish several unedited coins of his collection; to M. Waddington, who showed me his splendid collection of Asiatic coins, and gave me the benefit of his great knowledge of the numismatics of the district; and to Dr. Imhoof-Blumer, whom I have to thank for several casts and for useful information. Mr. Poole, of the British Museum, has kindly read my proofs, and I have been able, as constantly during the last ten years, to discuss every difficulty of arrangement and assignment as it arose with Mr. B. V. Head. Under these circumstances, although I am solely responsible for the use I have made of my materials, yet those materials result from the co-operation of many of the best numismatists in Europe, and it is a pleasure to me to confess my indebtedness to them.

I have given the weights of gold and silver coins in grains Troy, and the size (diameter) of copper coins in decimal fractions of an inch. I may remind Continental readers that a gramme is equal to 15·4 grains; and an English inch, nearly, to 25 millimètres.



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