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PREFACE

THESE are the two concluding volumes of the Eckley B. Coxe Junior Expedition to Nubia. They deal with the exploration of the ancient Egyptian colony of Buhen, which is situated near the Second Cataract almost opposite the modern town of Halfa. Two seasons, those of 1909 and 1910, were devoted to this task; and the site, though not absolutely exhausted, was excavated so completely that it is unlikely that further work would yield results of any interest. The only tracts left unstudied were the complex of ruined houses on the west and south of the inner town, and the much denuded ground between Amenhotep's Temple and the northern wall of the Outer Fortifications. Some trial digging showed that to clear these would involve very great labour and expense, and there was small prospect of obtaining results of the slightest importance.

With this exception the whole site of Buhen has been fully and completely investigated. The work was carried out by the Curator and Assistant Curator of the Egyptian Department of the Museum, who are the authors of the report presented in this book. They have received much valuable assistance from Mr. A. M. Blackman, who is responsible for all the translations of the inscriptions, and for the interpretation of the scenes in the temple of Hatshepsut.

The scheme of the book needs little explanation. The portions that are printed in smaller type are those which are indispensable to the special student but which contain too much minute detail to interest the general reader. The cross-references to the descriptions of individual tombs and to the catalogue will enable the archaeologist to examine the evidence for the character and date of every object, while all specimens of any interest whatever are illustrated in the plates.

In the spelling of Egyptian names a compromise has been adopted which it is hoped may be acceptable to all but extreme partisans. The Berlin system, slightly modified, has been followed whenever direct translations are given; but forms such as *Aahmes* and *Thothmes* which are more familiar to English readers have been retained in all general descriptive writing. The authors, who have sworn allegiance to no school, aimed at making their text easily intelligible without sacrificing philological accuracy in those parts which appeal to the scholar.

The eight volumes in which the results of the expedition have been incorporated form a complete record of its work; nothing remains unchronicled except the excavation of a small number of New Empire tombs, principally of the Twentieth Dynasty, at Anibeh. It is intended to include these in the report of any other expedition which may inherit that site.

In concluding our reports, at the close of the five years term during which we have worked for the University Museum of Philadelphia, we wish to express our cordial appreciation of the generosity of Mr. Eckley B. Coxe, Junior, who has made it possible not only to conduct these extensive explorations but to publish the results in a manner worthy of their importance. The services that he has thus rendered to archaeology will be esteemed by all those who read the volumes published in his name.

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