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## PREFACE

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THE papyri published in this volume were obtained by myself in the last two winters, with the exception of nos. 9, 49, 53, and 68, which were obtained by Professor Mahaffy in 1894, and no. 60. I regret that the time which I have been able to spare from my publication of the *Revenue Laws of Ptolemy Philadelphus* has been insufficient for preparing an adequate commentary. But what is important at the present time is the publication of new texts, and I have therefore preferred to edit these as quickly as possible, especially as half the texts published in this volume belong to a century of history for which recent discoveries have hitherto done little, and I have other and not less pressing calls on my time.

My copies of several texts have been revised by Prof. Wilcken, and nearly all by Prof. Mahaffy and Mr. A. S. Hunt. To them I am indebted for a large number of readings and suggestions. Those texts which are now in the British Museum have also been revised by Mr. F. G. Kenyon, to whom I am indebted for several suggestions, as well as for his kindness in superintending the publication of this book during my absence in Egypt.

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