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P R E F A C E.

WHEN this Catalogue was compiled, there was no intention of having it printed. It was prepared at leisure moments, and written off without any scroll or copy. The coins had been previously arranged in the cabinets according to the Geographical and Chronological system of Eckhel, except that the silver and electrotype pieces were not mixed with the copper, but kept by themselves. This system has been followed in the Catalogue; and the Collection being contained in commodious and convenient cabinets, can be referred to with the greatest facility.

In forming the Collection, the aim was to make it as useful as possible at the least expense. As compared with gold and silver, there is therefore a greater proportion of copper than is usual in such Collections; but, to remedy this, and greatly to improve the Collection, electrotype copies of very rare and unique coins in all metals have been introduced, which, for study, serve most of the purposes of the originals.

On reference to the Catalogue, it will be seen that the Collection is pretty complete, that no important class of coins is omitted, and that it is in such a state of preservation as to be useful to students of Geography, Mythology, History, and Art.

The Greek, Bactrian, and Parthian silver series are in a highly satisfactory state, and comprehend many very valuable coins, such as those of Diodotus and

others of Bactria, Alexander I. of Epirus, Alexander Aegus, Antiochus VI., and many others.

The types of the Roman gold coins being similar to the silver, and the gold being much more expensive, it was thought better to confine the Collection, with certain exceptions, to silver. These exceptions belong mostly to the Byzantine period, where gold is more easily procurable than silver. In this way a large and beautiful Collection of Consular and Imperial denarii has been formed, running through all periods, and presenting most of the types of the Roman coinage.

The Collection of Roman bronze coins in the early Consular series, and of the Imperial mintages in all sizes, has occupied much attention, and is considered the most complete and satisfactory part of the Collection, many coins being extremely rare and in splendid condition.

The Alexandrian series, although wanting in artistic merit, is very fine, and unusually complete, containing many very rare coins.

In such a Catalogue it is impossible to avoid faults and errors, but the object having been merely to show the contents of the Collection, it is hoped these will be leniently criticised.



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