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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this thesis is to collect such inscriptions as may either confirm or refute the statements of Suetonius in his *Life of Tiberius*, and such as may prove of general interest in relation to that work. So far as actual historical records are concerned, I find that Suetonius rarely makes a mistake, but the general unfavorable impression that he gives of the attitude of the Roman world towards Tiberius is not confirmed by inscriptions. Although some of the epigraphic records that survive proved an unexpected joy, e. g. that of the sheath and sword of Tiberius found at Mainz, on the other hand there was disappointment in finding no memorials, e. g. of Tiberius from Rhodes or Capri, and none of Piso from Syria.

Such well-known monographs on Tiberius as those of Beesly, Beulé, Pasch, Stahr, Tarver, Thamm, and Wiedemeister afforded practically no help in gathering material for this work. Books that were used only for a special reference are mentioned in full in the body of the paper, while the general bibliography follows.

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