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PREFACE

A WORD of explanation is necessary to account for the appearance of this volume, devoted to objects from the 'Amarna Royal Tomb, in the series *Archaeological Survey of Egypt*, which hitherto has been exclusively concerned with epigraphic work. Originally it had been the author's intention to prepare first a volume of facsimiles of the remaining scenes and inscriptions in the tomb, with appropriate commentary. A second volume was to have dealt with the objects. Political events, however, prevented the work from being carried out as intended at the site in the winter of 1969–70. The objects are therefore published first, partly as an earnest of good intentions, but more especially in the hope that they will stimulate discussion and bring to light other fragments—objects or reliefs—from the Royal Tomb, which can then be studied in the second volume. The epigraphic work will be carried out at the earliest opportunity.

The 'Amarna Age is fraught with problems for the student, not least because much of the evidence is still unpublished or imperfectly known. So much depends on the cumulative evidence of seemingly mundane inscriptions and objects, which individually may not be of particular significance. The objects from the Royal Tomb, now scattered in various museums and collections, are a case in point. Many of them would not ordinarily have merited individual treatment in an archaeological report. Indeed, if such fragments had been excavated in the town-site at El-'Amarna many would perhaps have been discarded as useless or devoid of much importance. Brought together here, it is hoped that information of some historical interest may be wrested from them.

Hitherto there has been no connected account of the archaeological activity which has taken place in the Royal Tomb and Royal Wâdi. The present work is based on a number of disparate sources of unequal value. Some of the written records are sketchy in the extreme, some have not survived at all. For instance, there is no list of the objects found during J. D. S. Pendlebury's work in the Royal Wâdi in 1935.¹ Much of the surviving material has been traced in museums and private collections and catalogued by the present writer. For fragments which cannot be located we are reliant on the brief records of the excavators.

Measurements throughout are in centimetres, unless otherwise stated, fragmentary objects being orientated in their correct plane for the purposes of measurement. Where details of *breaks* are given the measurement is made from a point mid-way across each break, unless otherwise noted. In the case of shabtis, etc., descriptions are made from the point of view of the object and not of the onlooker.

¹ Some objects are mentioned in Pendlebury's *Notes*, and further information is supplied from the Journal d'entrée of the Cairo Museum.

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| <i>Am. Res. Center in Egypt. Newsletter</i> | <i>American Research Center in Egypt. Newsletter.</i> Cairo, 1951– |
| ASAE | <i>Annales du Service des Antiquités de l'Égypte.</i> Cairo, 1900– |
| BM | British Museum |
| BMFA | <i>Bulletin of the Museum of Fine Arts.</i> Boston, 1903– |
| BMMA | <i>Bulletin of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.</i> New York, 1905– |
| Bouriant, Atonou | Bouriant–Legrain–Jéquier, <i>Monuments pour servir à l'étude du culte d'Atonou en Égypte</i> |
| <i>Brooklyn Mus. Bull.</i> | <i>Brooklyn Museum Bulletin.</i> Brooklyn, 1939–1960 |
| <i>Bull. Hist. Med.</i> | <i>Bulletin of the History of Medicine.</i> Baltimore, 1939– |
| <i>Bull. des Musées Royaux</i> | <i>Bulletin des Musées Royaux.</i> Brussels, 1902– |
| CAH | <i>Cambridge Ancient History</i> |
| Cat. | Catalogue |
| CCG | <i>Catalogue général des antiquités égyptiennes du Musée du Caire</i> |
| CdE | <i>Chronique d'Égypte.</i> Brussels, 1925– |
| <i>Christ's College Mag.</i> | <i>Christ's College Magazine.</i> Cambridge, 1886– |
| CM | Cairo Museum |
| COA | Peet–Woolley–Frankfort–Pendlebury, <i>City of Akhenaten</i> |
| EEF | Egypt Exploration Fund |
| EES | Egypt Exploration Society |
| fr. | fragment |
| ht. | height |
| JdE | Journal d'entrée: accessions register of the Egyptian Museum, Cairo |
| JEA | <i>Journal of Egyptian Archaeology.</i> London, 1914– |
| JNES | <i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies.</i> Chicago, 1942– |
| <i>Medelhavsmuseet Bull.</i> | <i>Bulletin of the Museum of Mediterranean and Near Eastern Antiquities—Medelhavsmuseet.</i> Stockholm, 1961– |
| MIFAO | <i>Mémoires publiés par les membres de l'Institut français d'archéologie orientale du Caire</i> |
| MMA | Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York |
| n. | note |
| PM | Porter–Moss, <i>Topographical bibliography of Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic texts, reliefs and paintings</i> |
| PSBA | <i>Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology.</i> London, 1878–1918 |
| RdE | <i>Revue d'Égyptologie.</i> Paris, 1933– |
| <i>Rend. della Reale Accad. dei Lincei</i> | <i>Rendiconti della Reale Accademia dei Lincei. Classe di Scienze Morali, Storiche e Filologiche.</i> Rome, 1892–1940 |
| RSM | Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh |
| RT | <i>Recueil de Travaux.</i> Paris, 1870–1923 |
| RTA | Davies, <i>The rock tombs of El Amarna</i> |
| RW | Royal Wâdi |
| Spec. Reg. | Special Register of the Egyptian Museum, Cairo |
| Temp. | Temporary Register of the Egyptian Museum, Cairo |
| UC | University College London |
| Wb. | Erman–Grapow, <i>Wörterbuch der ägyptischen Sprache</i> |
| ZÄS | <i>Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache.</i> Leipzig–Berlin, 1863– |

