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PREFACE.

THE title of this volume sufficiently indicates its character. The two monographs which it contains are the first fruits of the work done by the newly founded British School at Rome, and the hope of the Committee is that they will be followed in due course by many other similar papers, and will form a series not unworthy to be compared with the 'Mélanges' of the French School at Rome.

Of the two papers, that by the Director on S. Maria Antiqua will no doubt be found the most interesting by the majority of readers, but Mr. Ashby's possesses an importance of its own as a contribution to the task of reconstructing the Roman Campagna as it was before desolation and silence fell upon it.

Taken together the papers aptly illustrate the variety and richness of the field which Rome and Italy offer to the student, and suggest the kind of work which a properly equipped British School should be able to do for the advancement of learning.

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Chairman of the Committee.