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PREFACE

THIS Part of the Chester Beatty Biblical Papyri contains the complete photographic facsimile of the second of the two papyri of Genesis in the collection, the text of which has been published in Fasciculus IV, pp. 86–119. It is Papyrus V in the Chester Beatty collection, and its official number is 962. Twenty-seven leaves are represented, of which seventeen are nearly intact, while of the other ten there are fragments, often substantial. In twenty-five cases the page-numeration is preserved, so that the original make-up of the Codex can easily be calculated. It was composed of quires of ten leaves, except the first, which contained only five numbered pages. Since a quire must have an even number of leaves, this seems to imply a quire of four leaves, of which the first three pages were blank and unnumbered. There were then eight quires of ten leaves each, verso pages preceding recto in the first half of each quire, and recto preceding verso in the second half. The text would apparently (by calculation) have ended on p. 163, leaving two blank pages at the end. The whole Codex would therefore have consisted of 84 leaves, with three blank pages at the beginning and two at the end.

The text is written in a single column to the page, in a cursive hand of documentary character, which by comparison with extant dated papyrus documents can be assigned with some confidence to the second half of the third century.

The collotypes have been made from negatives taken by the infra-red process, which gives excellent results.

The foliation, which is that of the manuscript in its present condition, not of its original state, corresponds with that in the text volume.

Three small corrections may be made in the printed text:

Fol. 2", note on xxiv. 20. For om. A al., read +u6o6 A al.
Fol. 3", note on xxiv. 37. A reads oonKapmev, not oorkasev.
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