

PREFACE

THE present volume is the first of the series of final reports on the excavations at Giza made by the Joint Egyptian Expedition of Harvard University and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The chapters on stone vessels and pottery are intended as an introduction to the vessels dealt with in the succeeding volumes.

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