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ON

THE COINS OF CONSTANTINE I. THE GREAT,
HIS FAMILY, AND HIS SUCCESSORS.

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INTRODUCTION.

So long since as the year 1865¹ I had collected sufficient material to write a series of papers on the coins of Constantine the Great with Christian emblems, but various causes, partly domestic and partly connected with other work, notably the "Coinage of the Jews," left me but little time to examine this interesting subject. Now that I have completed my "Supplement to the History of Jewish Coinage,"² I have been able to look over my notes, and I propose in the following pages to give to the readers of the Numismatic Chronicle the results of my examination of this question.

It will be remembered that in the case of the "Jewish

¹ The Padre Garrucci in this year wrote as follows :—"These notes were ready for the press last year, and I was waiting to insert them in my 'Dissertations' until my other opponent [De Rossi] should also have spoken; when, however, Mr. Madden wrote to me on the 29th of August this year that he was going to write on this subject, I decided without longer delay to publish them" ("Dissertazioni Archeologiche di Vario Argomento," vol. ii. p. 23, note 1. Roma, 1865).

² "Num. Chron.," N.S., 1874, vol. xiv. p. 281; 1875, vol. xv. pp. 41, 101, 169, 298; 1876, vol. xvi. pp. 45, 81, 177.