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# ABBREVIATIONS (see also Bibliography, p.50)

| AJP      | American Journal of Philology.                                 |
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| How      | W.W. How, Cicero, Select Letters (Oxford U.P., 1925)           |
| MRR      | T.R.S. Broughton, Magistrates of the Roman Republic II, III    |
|          | Supplement (Atlanta, Scholars Press, 1986)                     |
| SB A.    | D.R. Shackleton Bailey, Cicero's Letters to Atticus, Vol. III  |
|          | (Cambridge U.P., 1968)   |
| SB $F$ . | D.R. Shackleton Bailey, Cicero: Epistulae ad Familiares Vol. I |
|          | (Cambridge U.P., 1977)   |
| Stockton | David Stockton, Thirty-five Letters of Cicero (Oxford U.P.,    |
|          | 1969)  |
| TP       | R.Y. Tyrrell and L.C. Purser, The Correspondence of M. Tullius |
|          | Cicero arranged according to its chronological order, Vol. III |
|          | (Dublin U.P., second edition 1914)                             |



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