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PREFACE

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABÄG	<i>Amsterdamer Beiträge zur Älteren Germanistik</i>
AfD	<i>Archiv für Diplomatik</i>
AfK	<i>Archiv für Kulturgeschichte</i>
AJP	<i>American Journal of Philology</i>
ATB	<i>Altdeutsche Textbibliothek</i>
BfdL	<i>Blätter für deutsche Landesgeschichte</i>
BDNL	<i>Bibliothek der gesamten deutschen National-Literatur</i>
Beiträge	<i>Beiträge zur Geschichte der deutschen Sprache und Literatur</i>
BPEC	<i>Bollettino del comitato per la preparazione dell'edizione nazionale dei classici greci e latini</i>
CFMA	<i>Classiques Français du Moyen Age</i>
DTM	<i>Deutsche Texte des Mittelalters</i>
DVLG	<i>Deutsche Vierteljahrsschrift für Literaturwissenschaft und Geistesgeschichte</i>
GAG	<i>Göppinger Arbeiten zur Germanistik</i>
GLL	<i>German Life and Letters</i>
GRM	<i>Germanisch-Romanische Monatsschrift</i>
MGH	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica</i>
MLR	<i>Modern Language Review</i>
MSNH	<i>Mémoires de la société néo-philologique de Helsingfors</i>
MTU	<i>Münchener Texte und Untersuchungen</i>
PhStQ	<i>Philologische Studien und Quellen</i>
PMLA	<i>Publications of the Modern Language Association of America</i>
RCCM	<i>Rivista di Cultura Classica e Medioevale</i>
SATF	<i>Société des Anciens Textes Français</i>
SB	<i>Sitzungsbericht</i>
TAPA	<i>Transactions of the American Philological Association</i>
TLF	<i>Textes Littéraires Français</i>
WW	<i>Wirkendes Wort</i>
ZfdA	<i>Zeitschrift für deutsches Altertum</i>
ZfdPh	<i>Zeitschrift für deutsche Philologie</i>
ZfK	<i>Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte</i>
ZfrPh	<i>Zeitschrift für romanische Philologie</i>