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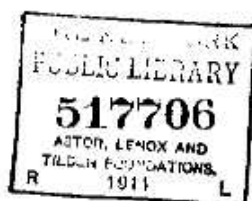
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MY FORMER TEACHER

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## PREFACE

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IN Part VIII, it was announced that Part IX would be an Index Volume, giving Lists of all the Proper Names, Officials, Divinities, Countries, Peoples, Cities, etc., found in Parts I-VIII, with references to their British Museum registration numbers and to the numbers which they bear in this Series. This Index Volume will appear as a later Part in the Series.

The present Part contains the texts of ninety-eight tablets. On seventy-four of these the name of the scribe is to be found; on twenty-four the name has been broken away. The headline is the reading of the name of the scribe found in the Letter over which it stands. The name of the person addressed is placed in the headline over two or three Letters in which the name of the scribe is broken away. No attempt has been made to classify Letters on which the names of the scribes are broken away, as this more naturally falls within the province of the commentary.

Index I is a Table of Contents. Index II is a list of the tablets arranged according to their numbers in the Kouyunjik Collections. Index III is a list of tablets published in Parts I-IX, the superior numeral indicating the number of the Part. Compare Part VIII for Index IV, which gives a list of the tablets published in Parts I-VIII arranged according to the names of the Scribes, with references to their British Museum registration numbers, and to the numbers which they bear in this Edition.

Twenty-seven or twenty-eight of the Letters contained in this Part have been published by previous editors, and I am much indebted to them for their copies. To WINCKLER, a fellow student under SCHRADER, I am especially indebted for his carefully prepared copies of twenty-three Letters, namely, KK. Nos. 233, 844, 894, 1146, 1238, 1245 (to which, since his publication, 83-1-18, 107 has been joined), 1269, 1287, 1355, 1459, 1542, 1580, 1610, 1621*b*, 1881, 1895, 2645, 2701*a*, 2889, 4287, 4447, 4724 and 4776. I have not been able, however, to accept all his readings, and I may also say that I do not expect scholars to accept all mine. Many of the tablets are broken and difficult to read, and in such it is often impossible to form a connected text. Again, in the Letters there are as many different handwritings as there were scribes. Hence, there will be many places where scholars may differ from my readings. In the final collation of all the Letter texts, I myself hope to be able to decide the readings of many passages, about which there is, to my mind, still some uncertainty.

I am much honoured by the attention shown to this class of literature, and I wish to state here that as soon as the texts are published they become public property, and anyone may use them for any purpose he may wish. This work by my fellow students will in no way interfere with my original plan as described in Part I and again in Part IV, and I see no reason to depart from this plan as outlined seventeen years ago. Hence, I shall continue to publish the texts until the *Corpus Epistolarum* is completed, and again I express the hope that the Parts will appear more frequently in the future than in the past.

Part X is in preparation.

I wish especially to acknowledge my obligations to DR. E. WALLIS BUDGE, the Keeper of the Department of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities, British Museum, for

his courtesy and for the great assistance which he has afforded me in the preparation of these Parts. It was at his suggestion that the work was originally undertaken, and without his sympathy and assistance it would not have been possible to carry it out. I am indebted also to the other members of the Department, MESSRS. KING, HALL, SCOTTMONCRIEFF and HANDCOCK for their unfailing courtesy. To MR. KING I am also grateful for suggestions as to the reading of several signs.

To my former teacher, PROFESSOR FRIEDRICH DELITZSCH, of the University of Berlin, I have the honour to dedicate this Volume.

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