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PREFACE

The cuneiform texts published in this volume were copied and autographed during my stay in Philadelphia in the winter of 1913-1914. Nearly all of them are letters belonging to the time of the so-called first Babylonian or *Hammurapi* dynasty (2225-1926 B. C.).

There are only two (or three) exceptions: the first is an Assyrian *abûl šarrim* (No. 132), addressed to a certain *Ardi-Gula*. This man seems to be identical with *Ardi-Gula* of the letter H (=Harper, *Assyrian letters*), No. 117, mentioning *Ašur-bân-apli* and *Samaš-šum-ukîn* (l. 5), by which fact the time of our letter is determined. The other exception is a cone of King *Hammurapi*, about 17, 3 cm. high, having an inscription as well on the shaft as on the base. Both inscriptions are (as far as they are preserved) identical, though it may be possible, that the inscription on the base¹ was not quite as long as that on the shaft. This text of King *Hammurapi*, mentioning the building of the (or a) wall of Sippar, is especially interesting by the fact that it is the only official inscription before the time of the king's great victory over *Rîm-Sîn*. For a transcription and translation see pp. 30 ff. A third exception may be the letter No. 29, the writing of

¹ This seems to have been written in three columns, the third being totally destroyed; the inscription on the shaft, however, is written in two columns.