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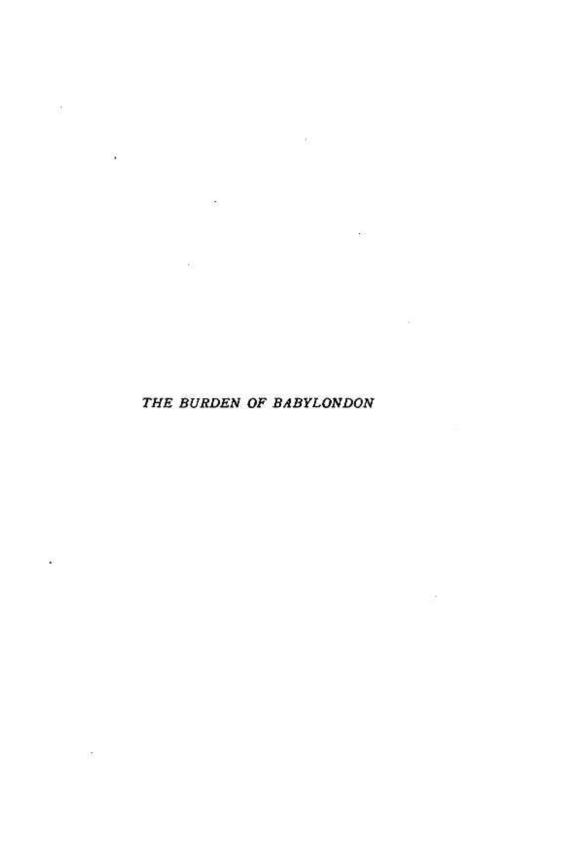
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A SONG OF LAMENTATION

"... the most acute attack of Social Sickness that the world has probably ever seen ... so charged is the air with the bacilli, so hard is it to escape infection."—Mr. E. F. Benson in the Fortnightly Review.

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The nation's moral health, I learn,
Its Galens note with grave concern:
In weighty journals and Reviews,
In tomes of formidable thickness,
We read the most alarming news
Of epidemic Social Sickness.
O'er Smart Society's loss of tone
Rises a universal moan;
Each week some horrid new complaint
Infects the Classes with its taint,
And many a wandering bacillus
Empoisons, when it doesn't kill, us.