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PREFACE.

IN this Guide are described the great collections of Babylonian and Assyrian antiquities now in the British Museum. These collections cover a period of about four thousand five hundred years, ranging from about B.C. 4000 to A.D. 500. In them are comprised by far the largest portion of available material for reconstructing the history of Western Asia inscribed in the cuneiform character.

The collections consist of sculptures and bas-reliefs, and inscribed monuments, boundary-stones, gate-sockets, and bricks bearing the names and titles of the kings who made them; baked clay cylinders and tablets inscribed with records of the history and of the religious, commercial, and domestic life of the Babylonians and Assyrians; objects which illustrate the art of Babylonia and Assyria, Elam, and the surrounding nations, in bronze, ivory, terra-cotta, and precious stones; and numerous miscellaneous objects belonging to the later periods of the Persian, Greek, Parthian, Roman, and Sassanian periods of occupation in Mesopotamia.

In this, the Second Edition, descriptions of the most important objects acquired since the issue of the First Edition have been inserted, and the whole work has been thoroughly revised. Thirteen plates, forty-four illustrations in the text, an index to the exhibited tablets for the use of students, and a general index have been added.

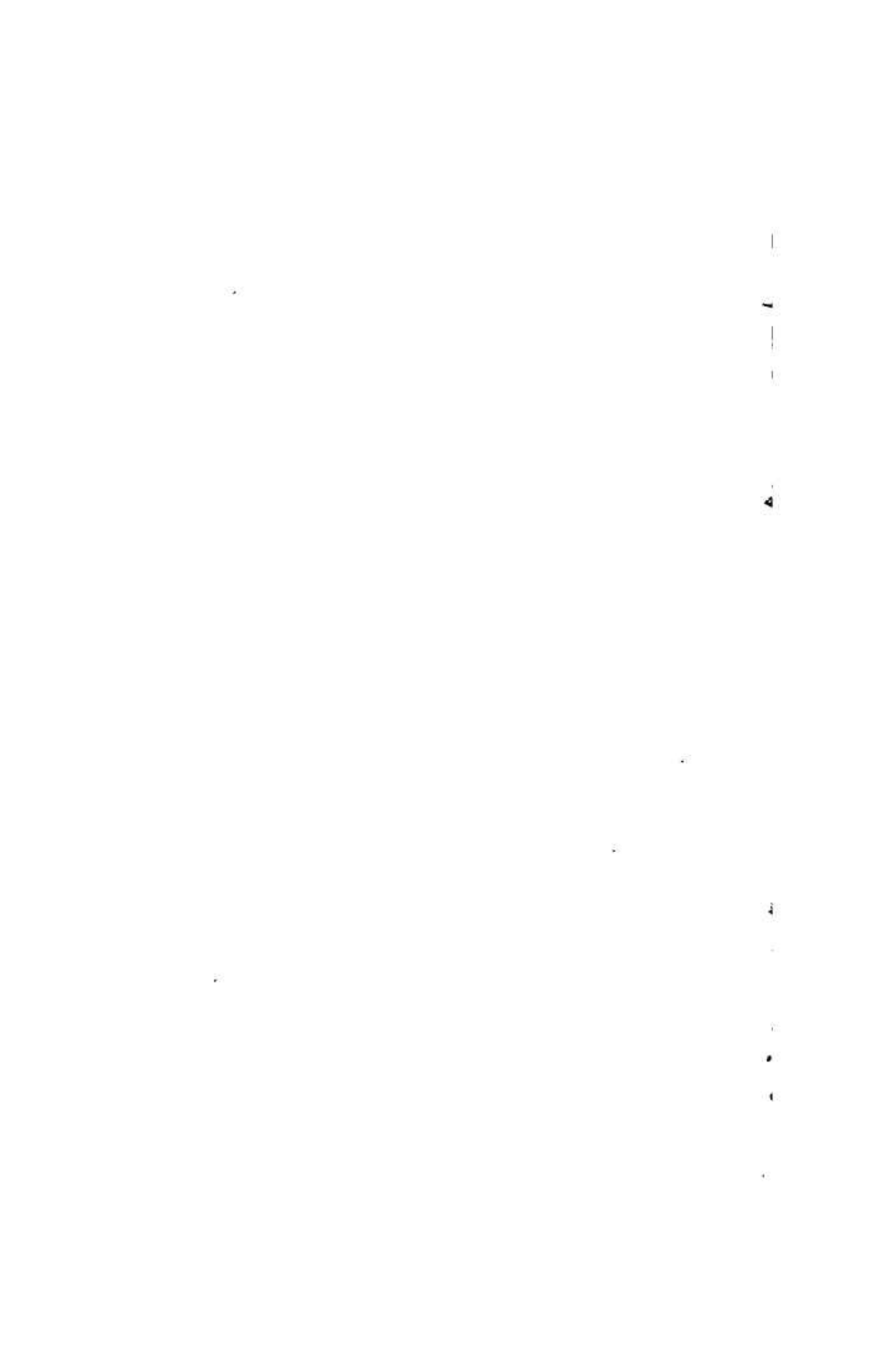
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