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TO MY DEAR MOTHER

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P R E F A C E.

For the past five years I have been collecting materials for a large history of Babylonia and Assyria, which should be consistently based upon original sources, while it also gave fitting attention to all investigations, however slight, of all previous students of this subject. The collection of these materials has involved the careful reading of great stores of Babylonian and Assyrian texts in which any historical material was likely to be found; and also the painstaking collection of every paper written by my colleagues in such investigation in many and widely separated places. My notes upon the texts themselves and upon previous discussions or translations of them fill hundreds of pages of manuscript. Up to this time the requirements of academic instruction and the frequent demands upon my time for various forms of public service, have prevented the writing out and the publishing of the history, but the labor of its preparation has gone on as constantly as other duties would permit.

A small outline study of the history of one part of Mesopotamia is here published, not in any sense as a specimen of the larger book, but distinctly as a separate study of perhaps the most difficult portion of all Babylonian and Assyrian history. It is to be judged not by the canons used in estimating a larger work, in form, style and breadth, but solely as an *outline* study based upon honest and long continued labor. They who have themselves worked longest and hardest

over the fragmentary and often almost illegible texts of these early periods, will be most just and lenient in their judgments. The notes, with references to texts and discussions of them, were all written in the honest endeavor to give full credit to all my predecessors. If I have failed in any case to do so, the failure is accidental and reparation will be gladly made in the final publication of the history. The little piece of work here given, deals rather with results than with processes, and this fact will justify some of the more obvious omissions in the references.

In the discussions of material and the grouping of facts into a theory of political development I have been continuously indebted especially to the works of Hugo Winckler and Hermann V. Hilprecht. The former has exhibited extraordinary ability in the unravelling of the tangled threads of early kingdoms and, if not always right in the final result, is always instructive. The latter, whom I am proud to have had as one of my own teachers, has shown himself to be a historian, as well as a masterful philologist.

The Bibliography makes no claim to completeness, but is intended merely to point the way to materials for other students, who desire to test some of the results. It was written at a long distance from my own library and some of the smaller articles are therefore wanting.

There are many marks of haste in this little work, but its writing had thus to be done and apology is sincerely made for any injustice to any worker thereby caused.

My sincerest thanks are due to my friend and teacher Professor Albert Socin, for much encouragement and stimulus; and to Professor Zimmern for criticism, correction and help with the proofs.

LEIPZIG, July 11, 1895.

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