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PLATE I.



Part of the tablet supposed to contain a mention of the Babylonian
Garden of Eden (K. 111).

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OF
BABYLONIA,

BEING BABYLONIAN AND ASSYRIAN INCANTATIONS AGAINST THE
DEMONS, GHOULS, VAMPIRES, HOBGOBLINS, GHOSTS, AND
KINDRED EVIL SPIRITS, WHICH ATTACK MANKIND.

TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL CUNEIFORM TEXTS, WITH
TRANSLITERATIONS, VOCABULARY, NOTES, ETC.

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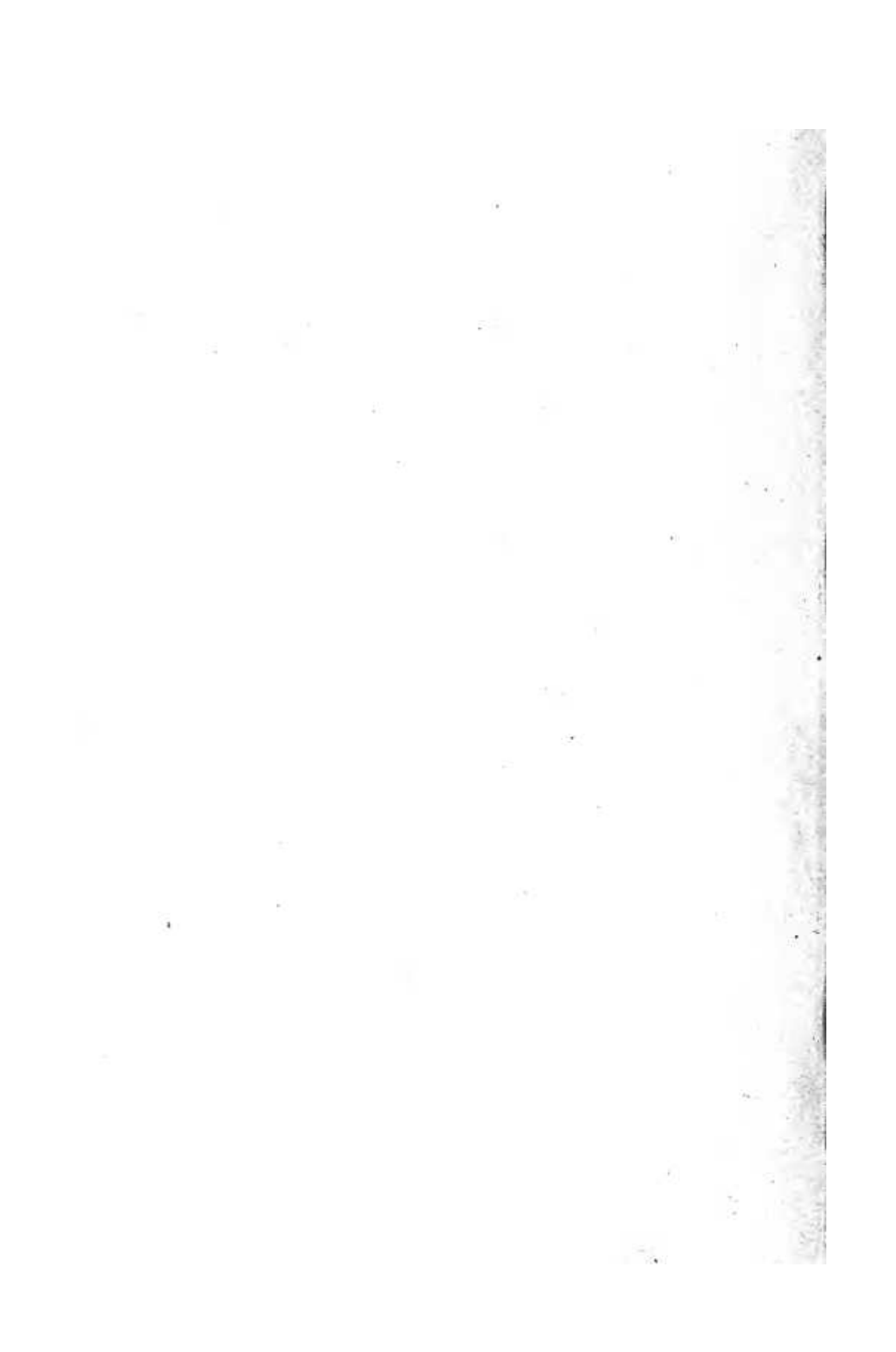
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TO MY FATHER,
REGINALD E. THOMPSON, M.D.



Preface.

THE object of the two volumes which form the present work is to supply the student of Assyrian Demonology with English transliterations and translations, with the necessary notes, etc., of the documents printed in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Parts of *Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets, etc.*, which have been recently issued by the Trustees of the British Museum. An examination of these two Parts will show that they contain copies of all the Tablets belonging to the Series UTUKKI LIMNÛTI, AŠAKKI MARŠÛTI, and TĪI, i.e., "Evil Spirits," "Fever Sickness," and "Headache," which have now been identified, together with the texts of a considerable number of compositions of a similar character.

These collections of Evil Spirit Texts form large and important sections of the native literature concerning Babylonian and Assyrian Demonology, and there is reason to believe that the material now published represents about one-half of that belonging to the three Series mentioned above which was known to the scribes of Aššurbanipal. Of the condition of the archetypes in pre-Babylonian times we have no information whatever, but there is no reason to doubt that the versions which were adopted as standard