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Of the texts in which no royal name occurs, eleven (Bu. 88–5–12, 184, 278, 323, 329, 342, 581, 607, 621, 638, Bu. 91–5–9, 1,154, 2,187) are letters, and thirty-eight (Bu. 88–5–12, 5, 61, 188, 192, 217, 256, 275, 294, 295, 333, 339, 341, 345, 505, 535, 504, 586, 585, 591, 598, 602, 604, 618, 623, 626, 627, 636, 640, 645, 655, 679, Bu. 91–5–9, 685, 838, 1,020, 1,182, 2,337, 2,341) refer generally to business transactions; all these belong to the period of the first dynasty of Babylon.

Of the remaining texts one belongs to the late Babylonian period (Bu. 88–5–12, 311); three relate to prayers and incantations (Bu. 88–5–12, 6, 7, 51); and one to astrology (Bu. 88–5–12, 11).

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