PREFACE

With this volume, the publication of the series of Cuneiform Texts is resumed after the unavoidable delay of more than a quarter of a century, which was due to the preoccupation of the small staff of the Department of Western Asiatic Antiquities with other publications. It is now hoped to continue the series as before, thereby making available at modest cost to scholars further selections of important material, which the Department's staff are able to bring to light in the process of cataloguing the Museum's collection of Babylonian tablets. These collections were mainly acquired at the end of the last century from dealers of antiquities. Details of the provenance of the tablets in the present volume are therefore, unfortunately, mostly unknown.

The present volume, mostly consisting of Sumerian, and occasionally bilingual, religious texts, is the work of Dr. H. H. Figulla.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE TABLETS REPRODUCED IN THE PLATES

1. BM. 132095. $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$. Pls. 1–3.
   2nd tablet of "a-ab-ba ḫu-luḫ-ḫa ", a hymn addressed to (d)Mulil, written by Be-salma-iskun.

2. BM. 17427. $2'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$. Pl. 3.
   Epic fragment in Sumerian belonging to "Ištar’s Descent" (Kramer’s edition in the Bulletin of the American School of Oriental Research, No. 79 (1940), and in the Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, 85, No. 3, ll. 221 ff.).

3. BM. 85536. $6'' \times 8''$. Pl. 4–6.

4. BM. 15280. $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6''$. Pls. 7–9.
   Large portion of a Sumerian hymn, probably to a king, with glosses.

5. BM. 76491. $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$. Pl. 10.
   Bilingual (Sumerian and Akkadian) ritual of the Neo-Babylonian period.

6. BM. 15820. $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. Pls. 11–13.
   Hymn or incantation, beginning and colophon missing; major part in Sumerian, small section (see col. IV) in Akkadian. In col. I are mentioned: (d)Ašar-lī-ši; (d)Eni-gal-abzu, (d)En-da-ga-nām-ma and (d)Ni-na-ga-nām-ma; in col. III, (d)Sumaš, (d)Na-RA-ZU-KU, (d)Na-šikil-la, (d)Na-rin-na and several stars.

7. BM. 15793. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$. Pls. 14–17.
   Neo-Babylonian copy of two ēr-sēm-ma psalms, one of 109 ll. (col. I–III) to (d)Gu-la, and another one of 28 ll. (col. IV, 4 ll. missing) to (d)Amurru; both in eme-sal.

8. BM. 88288. $5'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$. Pls. 18–19.
   Sumerian hymn (lamentation); colophon: am-an-da-ni ib(!)-zi-ag ? ga-na-du ib(!)-zi-ag | (d)Gu-la [... p]ā.

9. BM. 85197. $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$. Pls. 20–21.
   Sumerian hymn to (d)Nannar.

10. BM. 65145. $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$. Pl. 21.
    Sumerian hymn (ēr-sēm-ma) to (d)Iskur, composed in 41 lines, of which 23 are extant.

11. BM. 65726. $2\frac{1}{4}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. Pl. 21.
    Sumerian hymn, in paragraphs, addressed to Tammuz.

12. BM. 130703. $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. Pls. 22–23.
    Sumerian ēr-sēm-ma hymn to (d)En-lī. Tablet of Nidintum-(d)Anu lū-gala (d)Štrat, son of (d)GAL-kabtu-lāšī (meš), Dūr-ib(KI).

13. BM. 15794. $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. Pls. 24–25.
    Sumerian hymn to (d)Inanna in the eme-sal dialect; colophon: šīr nam-ru (d)Inanna ...

14. BM. 16388. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$. Pls. 26–27.
    Hymn to Gašan-anna in the eme-sal dialect; last 2 lines: ki-ru-gū 3-kam-ām ga-ša-an-e ša-salur-da nam-ni-DU-a ...
15. BM. 87518. $4\frac{8}{16}'' \times 4\frac{7}{8}''$. Pls. 28–29.
Late copy of a Sumerian hymn (ki-bal-bi-im), subdivided into canticles and addressed to (d)Dumu-zid-da.

16. BM. 85198. $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$. Pls. 30–31.
Sumerian hymn to (d)Inanna in the eme-sal dialect; colophon: ér-sêm-ma (d)Inanna-kam.

17. BM. 77220. $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 1\frac{1}{4}''$. Pl. 30.
Fragment of hymn, partly bilingual; on reverse (d)Am-an-ki(l) and (d)Asuri-lu-ţi are mentioned.

18. BM. 77219. $1\frac{7}{16}'' \times 1\frac{3}{8}''$. Pl. 31.
Fragment of religious composition, the obverse bears a bilingual text.

19. BM. 29617. $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. Pl. 32.
Sumerian ér-sêm-ma hymn in the eme-sal dialect to a goddess, name not preserved, but obviously ga-ša-an l-sî-in-na(Kl), see obverse, line 2.

20. BM. 132096. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. Pl. 33.
Sumerian lamentation of a goddess in the eme-sal dialect, cf. reverse lines 9, 10: gašan Nibru(Kl), gašan TIN-TIR(Kl).

21. BM. 132094. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. Pl. 34.
Sumerian ér-sêm-ma hymn to (d)Enlil in the eme-sal dialect for the use of kalî-priests (a-na šu-uz-mu-ru LÜ-GALA-meš); colophon in Akkadian.

22. BM. 85201. $4\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. Pl. 35.
Sumerian hymn in the eme-sal dialect, on the reverse divided into 5 paragraphs, in which the goddess Inanna speaks. Colophon: šîr nam-ru (d)Inanna-kam.

23. BM. 54699. $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$ (4-sided prism). Pl. 36.
Sumerian hymn to Tammuz (?), of the Isin or Larsa period.

24. BM. 42274. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$. Pl. 37.
Sumerian prayer, in the eme-sal dialect, to (d)Gula and (d)Mullil, dedicated (in Akkadian) by Bēl-muballit son of (d)Nabû-kāšir for the well-being of his father and deposited in the ē-maš-ka-zal.

25. BM. 54612. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. Pl. 38.
Sumerian lament: IM-gid-da sig . . . contained, according to catchline, 100 lines of which 41 complete and 15 damaged lines remain.

26. BM. 85204. $4\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$. Pl. 39.
Sumerian hymn in the eme-sal dialect to (d)Mullil, divided into small paragraphs which are counted as ki-ru-gu 9 to 12; colophon damaged.

27. BM. 87737. $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{8}''$. Pl. 39.
Portion of a Sumerian hymn in the eme-sal dialect to a goddess.

28. BM. 12845. $3'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. Pl. 40.
Sumerian incantation to (d)En-ki and (d)Nin-maḫ.

29. BM. 17286. $2\frac{7}{16}'' \times 1\frac{1}{4}''$. Pl. 40.
Sumerian literary text with interlinear translation.

30. BM. 17149. $1\frac{3}{8}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. Pl. 40.
Sumerian literary text; line 6 reads: ik-A-ra-aḫ-tum ik-UD-KIB-NUN(Kl) ti-igi-da AN-gal . . . a nam-ti-la i-sè-NE a . . .

31. BM. 17308. $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. Pl. 41.
Lower portion of a long hymn to Anu, Enlil, Enki, Ninmah, etc., subdivided into several canticles: see reverse line 23: ki-ru-gu 7-kam-ma . . . Note reverse line 15: l-sî-in(Kl), and line 19: (d)Nin-in-sî-na . . .
Prayer (in Akkadian) to (d)En-lil, (d)Nin-karag and other gods for a sick man.

Sumerian hymn to Tammuz(?)

Sumerian hymn to Tammuz, see line 1: Ku-li-mu sag-ū . . .

Sumerian prayer to Enlil for safe conduct: Uri(KI)-se ga-DU.

Sumerian hymn of the Isin or Larsa period; name of god not preserved.

Sumerian hymn in the eme-sal dialect; name of god not preserved; ll. 9–12 correspond to Reisner, Sumerisch-Babylonische Hymnen, 38, ll. 5–9.

Sumerian hymn: lamentation over the destruction of Isin(?).

Sumerian hymn in the eme-sal dialect, poorly preserved. For the dedication, see the last line on obverse: lugal nīg-du-un nag-nag . . .; and line 1 on reverse: lugal nīg-kaskal(?) ū-mu-un ? . . .

Sumerian hymn to (d)En-ki, (d)Utu, (d)Nin-lil and Sul-gi sib-zi ki-en-gi-ra.

Religious text in Sumerian.

Sumerian hymn; obverse and reverse are apparently to be transposed.

Sumerian hymn to (d)Marduk.

Sumerian hymn.

Sumerian hymn to (d)Zuen, (d)Enlil and Sin-id-dinam.

Literary text in Sumerian. Colophon, last line: it-diš-e a-KAL/NIR-diš-e.

Sumerian religious text.

Sumerian hymn in the eme-sal dialect to Gašan-an-na.
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