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### INTRODUCTION.

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THE publication of Captain Conder's letter, ' addressed to the Chairman of the Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund, in the *Times* of February 26th, 1887, produced so great and widespread an interest, that the Committee have readily undertaken the publication of the following memoir, in which Captain Conder has developed the theory announced in that letter. They do so in the earnest hope that his labours in the cause of the decipherment of these valuable inscriptions may be accepted, by those who are able to decide, as the first step towards their INTRODUCTION.

complete decipherment. In this, as in all their publications, the Committee beg it to be understood that they put forward this memoir as the responsible work of Captain Conder alone.

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### AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

THE interest created by the publication in the *Times* of 26th February of a letter to the Chairman of the Palestine Exploration Fund, as to the Altaic hieroglyphics, places me in a somewhat difficult position, since the claims which I then put forward are by no means those which I am apparently thought to have made. It is not to be supposed that a problem which has so long occupied our best Orientalists can be solved at once by one who does not possess their scholarship and knowledge. The Egyptian and Cuneiform systems were not perfectly understood when first discovered; and many long years