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This dictionary is the product of twenty six years (1917-1943) of assiduous labor by the author, who sincerely hopes that it will be helpful in invigorating the language of his forefathers which dates back to about twenty centuries before Christ.

It contains approximately 21,000 words; of which a great percentage have not been in use for a century or more. Since their revival is necessary to serve as a tonic for the subsistence of the language, every effort is being made by this writer to have those that use the language to consider the revived words as a part of their everyday's language and use them freely. So that they may find their proper place in the vernacular once more and become the important part of the speech that they once were, when this object is attained the Assyriac will favorably compare with any of the modern languages in fullness. Now, the state of the Assyrian Language is that of a dialect and, rapidly approaching the inevitable fate of weak nations and languages which in this age means total extinction, as there does not seem to be room for such nations and languages in this era of might being right as practiced by the strong. Now that this dictionary —which is the first of this magnitude ever printed in Assyriac— is ready to present itself to the curious eye of the scholars the world over, and the people of my own race in particular, the outlook at this writing is not unfavorable to it being the last as well; unless a miracle takes place.

The prospects of this dictionary appearing in some of the civilized countries of the glode are promising, and chances are, that a fragment of the small percentage of our people remaining after the atrocities and massacres suffered during the first world's war have settled in most of these countries. Therefore, by the virtue of our identical ancestry, I deem it proper in making the use of this space —which is one of the few means available through which we may be able to express our gratitude to the peoples who came to our rescue during the fateful first quarter of the 20th century— to say thank you to each and every one of these rescuers. Since, faithfulness to the countries of our adoption is our cherished tradition, in return, we pledge uncompromising allegiance and devout loyalty to such countries; under all circumstances and at all times.

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