THE following inscription is found upon a Pavement Slab from Nimrud, which was discovered at the edge of the mound between the North-West and South-West Palaces. A lithographed copy of it is contained in the Cuneiform Inscriptions of Western Asia, Vol. I., p. 35, No. 3. The first 25 lines were originally published in the volume of Cuneiform Inscriptions edited by Mr. Layard, p. 70, with vol. i.
the exception of the last 6 lines, the inscription was printed in Bonomi's popular work on Nineveh,¹ p. 339. Its genealogical value is great, and it contains a notice of the founder of the Assyrian Monarchy who is otherwise unknown.

TRANSLATION OF THE INSCRIPTION.

1 The Palace of Rimmon-Nirari, the great King, the powerful King,
2 the mighty King, King of the land of Assyria, the King whom, as his own son Assur
3 King of the Gods of Heaven has favoured and with the kingdom
4 of the world has filled
5 his hand. From the great sea
6 of the Rising Sun¹ to the great sea
7 of the Setting Sun²
8 his hand has conquered and ruled it
9 wholly and throughout. The son of Samas-Rimmon,
10 the great King, the powerful King, the mighty King,

King of the land of Assyria,
11 King of the world, son of Shalmaneser
12 King of the Four Races,³ who on the land of his foes
13 laid (his) yoke, and swept (them) like a whirlwind.
14 Grandson of Assur-Natsir-Pal, the warrior Priest,
15 the enlarger of glorious habitations.
16 Rimmon-Nirari, the glorious Prince, to whose help
17 the gods Assur, Samas (the Sun), Rimmon, and

Merodach
18 have gone, and have enlarged his country
19 (is) the descendant of the grandson of Tiglath-Adar,⁴

King of Assyria,

¹ That is either the Persian Gulf or the Caspian Sea.
² The Mediterranean.
³ The Four Races was an old title of Syria, which was peopled, according to Gen. x. 23, by Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash.
⁴ He was the father of Assur-natsir-pal.
20 King of the country of Sumeri and Accad,¹
21 descendant² of SHALMANESER, the powerful King,
22 the erector of the Temple of Kharsak-Kurra,³
23 the mountain of the world; descendant
24 of BEL-SUMIL-CAPI, a former King
25 who went before (me), the founder of the monarchy,
26 of which for its exaltation from
27 ancient times ASSUR has proclaimed the glory.

¹ This denotes Babylonia. Sumeri is perhaps the Shinar of Scripture. Gen. xi. 2.
² Lit., “offspring of the offspring.”
³ This signifies “the mountains of the East,” that is to say, the highlands of Elam from which the Accadai or “Highlanders” had originally descended.
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