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PREFACE.

THE Works which have been most used in forming the present Manual are the following:—

(1) De Wette's *Lehrbuch der hebräisch-jüdischen Archäologie*. This, as being the most compendious, and at the same time the clearest and most critical digest with which I am acquainted on this subject, has furnished a larger number of sections than any other work. (2) Juhn's *Biblical Archæology*, and Winer's *biblisches Real-wörterbuch* (the edition of 1847), have been more or less used throughout. (3) Besides Michaelis's *Commentaries on the Laws of Moses*, Ewald's work, *die Alterthümer des Volkes Israel*, has contributed much to the sections on *Political Constitution and Law*. The method on which the Mosaic Legislation is here digested, is adopted from the latter author; as also the description of the *Teraphim* and *High-Places*. (4) For the account of *Solomon's Temple*, I have derived much assistance from Ewald's explanations in the third volume of his *Geschichte des Volkes Israel*; and the Essay of Thenius, *das vorerilische Jerusalem und dessen Tempel*, appended to his Commentary on the Books of Kings, has cleared up some points of difficulty. (5) In the sections on the *Tabernacle* and *Mosaic Worship*, Bähr, *Symbolik des Mosaischen Cultus*, has rendered valuable aid: but the view taken of the *Trespass-Offering* is, in substance, that of Hengstenberg (*Authentie des Pentateuchs*).—In addition to these and other more incidental sources of information, I have to acknowledge the assistance afforded me towards a more just representation of matters relating to the common life, occupations, and arts of the

Hebrew people, by the labours of Dr. Kitto and his associates in the *Cyclopædia of Biblical Antiquities*. To that valuable repertory the student may be referred for the fullest discussion of these matters, here necessarily treated with a compendious brevity, and of others (such as Physical Geography and Natural History) usually included in larger treatises of Antiquities, but which could not find a place in this Manual.

The method adopted has been, to describe first what may be called the Secular Antiquities of the Hebrews; *i. e.* whatever in their habits and customs was, or might be, common to them with other nations living under the like natural conditions; and then, that which marks the difference between them, as the chosen people Israel, and the other nations of mankind. It is not possible, perhaps, to carry out this method with such precision that the two parts of the subject should be kept perfectly distinct; but, on the whole, it will be found that the first sixty-seven sections of this Manual treat of the Antiquities of the Hebrews, and the remaining hundred and fifty of the Antiquities of Israel.

It does not lie within the scope of this Manual to attempt any development of the sacred ideas embodied in the form of history and ordinance. Only now and then the more immediate symbolical import has been briefly noticed, where this seemed to be necessary for the elucidation of the facts themselves.

Care has been taken to verify the numerous Scripture references, but probably some errors may have been overlooked. Other errors will be found corrected in their places in the Appendix of Questions, where it has also been found necessary to make some few additions to the matter contained in the text and notes.

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