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PREFACE.

THIS little book may perhaps be described most succinctly as scaffolding for the next edition of Philo. It has often been a regret to me that, especially in England, this great writer has been so slenderly prized, and I well remember the indignation with which I first read the sentences in Liddon's *Bampton Lectures* in which he is described as "only a thoughtful, not insincere, but half-heathenized believer in the Revelation of Sinai, groping in a twilight which he has made darker by his Hellenic tastes." Nor was the feeling diminished when one found that in depreciating so great a writer the theologian too often had as companions the philosopher and the historian, and that no one has in recent times arisen to illustrate towards the indifferent or superficial student the Philonean maxim that the wise man is the ransom of the foolish. Perhaps we may yet find that we have carried bricks for some such master-builder.

With regard to the book itself, it will be noticed that it is published at the expense of the Syndics of the University Press and with the excellence of mechanical workmanship which characterises that famous establishment. But for the assistance thus

rendered it is doubtful whether the book would ever have seen the light.

Its dimensions have been carefully limited by avoiding the useless insertion of various readings in the texts employed which promised faithfully to lead nowhere, and by the removal of some matters which would have been interesting if they could have been compressed within a reasonable space. For example, my first intention was to combine the fragments of Josephus with my Philo Collection, and I had also done some work upon the problem (not wholly an unimportant one) of the genealogical relations of the various MSS. and Collections of Parallels. Upon second thoughts all of this has been removed.

Finally, whatever of excellence or accuracy is to be found in the following pages is largely due to the co-operative criticism of friends whose sympathy and encouragement I highly prize, though I have been ashamed to carve their scholarly names upon so slight a sapling.

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INTRODUCTION.

ON COD. REG. 923 OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY AT PARIS.

THE manuscript described in the following pages drew my attention in the summer of 1884 when I was occupied in the examination of some of the treasures of the National Library at Paris. It was exposed to view in one of the upright cases (armoire xvii.) of the Galerie Mazarine, adjacent, if I remember rightly, to the celebrated Codex Ephraemi Syri, the Codex Claromontanus of S. Paul and the Coislin Octateuch. The ticket attached to it intimated that it was a volume of "Sentences des Saints Pères." As the book was in uncial Greek characters of the ninth century, and adorned with interesting marginal pictures, and was apparently unpublished, I determined to examine it carefully. The first impression upon my mind was that this was the Codex Rupefucaldinus of the Parallela Sacra of S. John Damascene, a manuscript of which Tischendorf had given a notice in the preface to the eighth edition of his New Testament citing it under the form Dam.^{ms. 923}. If this were the case the manuscript would have been interesting not only on account of its rich collection of biblical and patristic excerpts, but as being of such antiquity that, as Scrivener remarks in his *Introduction to the Criticism of the New Testament* (p. 420), it could be referred to the same century as the father whose work it contains. An examination however of the text of S. John Damascene's Parallela, as edited by Lequien, shewed that this supposition could not be verified¹. Lequien's text (which has been reproduced in Migne's *Patrologia Græca* xcvi. xcvi.) is based upon a MS. in the Vatican Library, to which he has appended a few readings and foot-notes from the Codex Rupefucaldinus. Finding the diversity between these two texts to be remarkable, he reprinted a portion of the additional Patristic matter of the latter MS. under the title Parallela Rupefucaldina. What was interesting

The MS. is a volume of "Paral." somewhat like the Codex Rupefucaldinus to which Tischendorf and Lequien refer.

and even more like

1 It will be shown later on that it must, however, be the MS. of which Tischendorf speaks, though he has confounded it with the Cod. Reg. which is a totally different book. Scrivener's note must also be corrected, as far as relates to that Codex.