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TO MY MOTHER

INTRODUCTION

A POPULAR hand-book on the subject of Bible Criticism is a wide-spread need. A new generation of Christian young men and women is demanding intelligent discussion of the subject. Their demand is reasonable. They should be informed. As far as possible the story of the movement should be told in plain words for plain people. Above all things else the statement of the case should seek to settle faith, rather than foment doubts and questionings. Such is the task undertaken in this book.

It is time to attempt to measure the real character of the critical movement, to establish its true value, and to fix a definite attitude toward its various claims. It was necessary to wait until the field has been exploited about as thoroughly as the nature of the movement would allow. That time has practically been reached. Nothing materially new is now appearing, or is likely to ap-

pear, so far as the fundamental theories are concerned.

The plan of the book involves many references to writers in a general way, without giving volume and page. It was deemed wise thus to give a less technical account of opinion. Yet the reference is usually sufficiently specific to allow one who may desire to consult fully the authorities mentioned.

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