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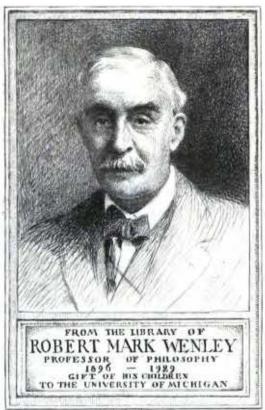
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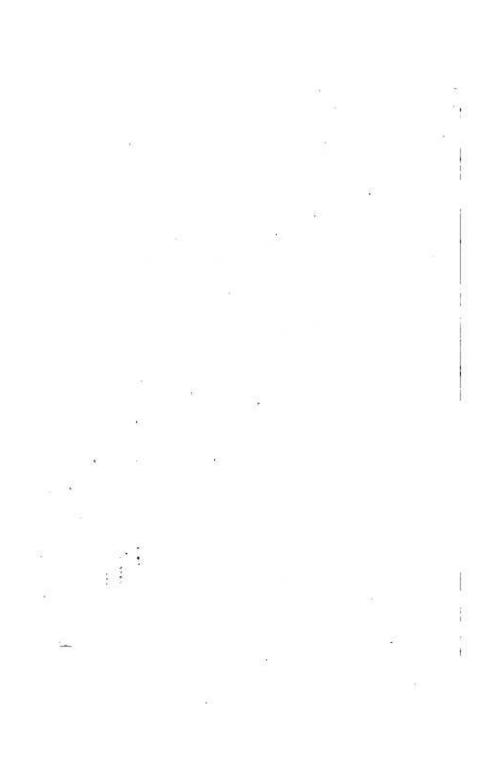
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PREFACE.

In the first edition of these 'Outlines,' published in 1872, I was obliged to complain that there was no book at that time which served well as a first introduction to the Textual Criticism of the New Testament, in the state to which the science had then advanced. There is no ground for such a complaint now. Dr. Scrivener's indispensable 'Introduction to the Criticism of the New Testament' has reached a third edition, revised and greatly enlarged. The longpromised edition of the Greek Testament by Drs. Westcott and Hort appeared in 1881, with an Introduction containing a complete and compact system of Textual Criticism, which, whether destined to be accepted en bloc or not, must certainly make an epoch in the history of the science. First Part of the Prolegomena to the eighth edition of Tischendors's Greek Testament, compiled by Dr. Caspar R. Gregory, with some help from the late Professor Ezra Abbot, has just appeared. Moreover a great deal of attention has been attracted to this study by the publication of the Revised Version of the English New Testament, which was founded upon a Revision of the Greek Text, so that questions which were once uncared for by, and almost unknown to, the English public have now become comparatively familiar, at least in name. The attack upon and defence of the principles of this Revision have produced quite a literature upon the subject, in which the student will find abundance of material to exercise his critical powers upon.

In the present (fourth) edition of this little book I have endeavoured to profit by the new information that has been brought to light since the last: and I have introduced numerous modifications of statement and corrections throughout, which it is impossible to draw attention to in every place. Had I been writing it for the first time, I should probably have taken for some of the illustrations statements borrowed from different writers and more recent than those which I adopted originally. It seemed best, however, on the whole to leave these as they stood; since they serve their purpose of illustration sufficiently well, and it is desirable for several reasons not to increase unnecessarily the difference between this and former editions.

The student who reads the three books mentioned above will have no difficulty in discovering other sources from which he may extend his knowledge of details in any particular direction he may desire.

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