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P R E F A C E.

THE following pages have no claim to originality. The substance of them was collected for a course of College Lectures; and they profess to be no more than a compilation from other larger works. The justification of the writer for publishing them, if there be any, lies in the fact that there is not, so far as he is aware, any single book which serves well as a first introduction to the science of the Textual Criticism of the New Testament in its present advanced state. Dr. Tregelles' History of the Printed Text of the New Testament, and Mr. Scrivener's indispensable Plain Introduction to the Criticism of the New Testament, were published, the one in 1854, the other in 1861. A new edition of Horne and Tregelles' Introduction to the Study of the Bible was published in 1863; the fourth volume of which, on the New Testament, contains a few pages of *addenda*, with notices of collations and critical publications down to that time; but in other respects it is merely a reprint of the earlier edition of 1856. Since then, however, a good deal has been done, with which the student should be acquainted.

These three books, the articles 'New Testament,' 'Versions (Ancient),' and 'Vulgate,' in Dr. Smith's Dictionary of the Bible, the Prolegomena to Tischendorf's Greek Testament (seventh edition), and to his editions of the Sinaitic and Vatican Manuscripts, the Prolegomena to Lachmann's Greek Testament, and to Kuemen and Coet's edition of the Vatican MS., as well as to Dean Alford's last edition of his Greek Testament (vol. i.), and Scrivener's Collation of the Sinaitic MS., are the chief sources from which information has been taken. To such works as these the student must have recourse, if he is led on to wish to fill up much that he will here find sketched in merest outline. To collect into a small compass the leading facts on which the science of Textual Criticism is founded, and to present to the beginner the principles of the science, divested of the repelling mass of detail which necessarily meets

him in the larger works, has been the writer's aim; in the hope that he may give some little assistance to those who are entering on a subject that is interesting in itself, and some knowledge of which seems indispensable to an intelligent study of the original Text of the New Testament.

The writer has to thank several friends for their kind help and suggestions, especially the Rev. C. W. Boase of Exeter College, and the Rev. G. W. Kitchen of Christ Church.

NOTICE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

Mr. Scrivener has now published a second edition of his *Introduction to the Criticism of the New Testament*, thoroughly revised, and containing about a hundred pages of new matter. Valuable before, that book is now invaluable to the critical student of the New Testament; and the following pages are largely indebted to it.

The fact of a second edition of these 'Outlines' being called for, notwithstanding the existence of so complete a work, seems to indicate that a need is felt of some such first guide to the subject as this aims at being. Hence it has been revised and corrected with all possible care. Some errors have been removed, some statements modified; several paragraphs have been re-written, and several new ones added. At the same time by the removal of some unnecessary matter space has been gained, so that the book does not much exceed in bulk what it was before.

Thanks are again due to several friends for criticisms and suggestions.

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