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PREFACE

IN the preparation of this manual I have endeavored to present the material with as much brevity as is compatible with accuracy and utility. The body of the book contains a list of the names of the more important personages in Christian history from the first century to the period of the Reformation. To this are added the titles of selected works from these men, together with critical and biographical books. The names of the leading writers are also arranged in a chronological table so that the eye may see at a glance their relative places in history. The map shows the topography of the places mentioned in the Patrology; for the sake of clearness geographical details are omitted. Where numerous references occur, the various classes of works, viz., editions, translations, biographies and critical works, are placed in separate paragraphs in the order here given. But wherever the classes contain each but a single reference (*v. Atticus*), they all stand in the same paragraph and are separated by periods.

In the selection of materials (see also the Table of Abbreviations) I have relied on such historical works as those of Guldenpenning, Hertzberg, Diehl, Hodgkin, Gibbon (ed. Bury), Creighton, Delarc, Baronius (ed. Theiner), Weingarten (ed. Arnold), Mabillon, Mansi, Christ, D'Archery and Mabillon, Cave, Tillemont, Zöckler, the Bollandists, and others; encyclopedias, as *La grande Encyclopédie*, Dictionary of National Biography, many articles in *Encyclopædia Britannica*, Brockhaus's *Konversations-Lexicon*; church histories,

as Hergenröther, Moeller, Müller, Funk, Giesler, Milman, Schaff, Sheldon; also lists of councils and Popes, Duchesne, Hefele, Lauchert, Lipsius, Grisar, Pastor, Mirbt, Ranke, Stubbs; histories of doctrine, Harnack, Schwane, Sheldon, Fisher; collections, Sathas, Hilgenfeld, Clément, Cotelerius, Chevalier, and others; compends, as Bratke, Dowling, Mas-Latrie, Gregory, Lumper, Merechal, Richardson. The topography of the map is based on Kiepert, Spruner-Menke, Droysen, Appleton, Walker, Androc, Rand-McNally; Graesse, Egli, Ritter, Armstrong.

The student may be disappointed in not seeing more references to the journals and quarterlies. While they have been used, citations have seldom been made, for such additions increase volume and cost while adding little value for the general reader, to whom such literature is usually inaccessible.

I am indebted to the Rev. G. A. Jackson, author of the "Christian Literature Primers," who has read the proof of the Patrology (pp. 1-159). His wide and critical knowledge has prevented many errors of omission and commission. I wish also to express my appreciation of the valuable services of Professor Henry C. Sheldon of the Boston University School of Theology, and Assistant-Professor James H. Ropes of the Harvard Divinity School.

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