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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

THERE IS NO need of apology in bringing before our readers a work of Professor Harnack's. His fame is now in 'all the Churches,' and by his writings a great light has been thrown on early Church History. In the German title the expression 'so-called' occurs; this I have omitted, as I can hardly imagine that any one will think that by using the phrase 'Apostolic Canons' I believe them to be of Apostolic origin. Dr. Harnack in the present work gives little attention to them, referring his readers to his edition of the *Didaché*. This work was out of print at the time our translation was made, so it was considered necessary to have some introduction, and the Rev. John Owen kindly consented to write one. I regret that his continued ill-health, which all must deplore, prevented his accomplishment of the task until now.

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