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## P R E F A C E .

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It is the design of this volume, and of the series of which it is the first, to provide intelligent persons, laymen as well as ministers, with the means of acquainting themselves, through accurate translations or summaries, with the early ecclesiastical writers. The present volume covers the interval between the close of the Apostolic Age and the last quarter of the second century. Many of the Christian writings of this period have perished altogether, sharing thus the fate which befell so large a portion of the ancient classical literature. This circumstance, however, heightens the value even of the fragments which have survived the wreck, and which serve to throw light upon the condition of the Church in the obscure opening era of its history, when doctrines began to be formulated, and the New Testament Scriptures to be collected in the Canon.

It is essential to the value of such a work that

the translations should be correctly made, and that the explanatory observations should be in accord with the latest and soundest criticism, and should be free from the influence of a theological bias. These conditions, so far as I am able to judge, have been faithfully observed by Mr. Jackson. There may be minor points on which critics may differ in judgment, and slight inaccuracies may have escaped detection; but the work will still be recognized, I trust, as fulfilling its promise, and as meeting a want which has not before been supplied.

GEORGE P. FISHER.

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A. D.	ROMAN EMPERORS.	A. D.	GREEK WRITERS.	A. D.	LATIN WRITERS.	A. D.	CHRISTIAN WRITERS.
-14	Augustus.			9	<i>A.</i> Ovid.		
14-37	Tiberius.	48	Strabo. Apion of Alex'a.	16	<i>ob.</i> Livy.		
37-41	Caligula.			37	<i>A.</i> Celsus, <i>Physician.</i>		
41-54	Claudius.			45	<i>A.</i> Pomponius Mela.		
54-68	Nero.			62	<i>ob.</i> Persius.		} Scripture Writers.
				65	<i>ob.</i> Lucan.		
				65	<i>ob.</i> Seneca.		
68-70	Galba, Otho, Vitellius.						
70-79	Vespasian.			78	<i>ob.</i> Flaccus.		
79-81	Titus.			79	<i>ob.</i> Pliny (major).		
81-96	Domitian.			82	Juvenal.	95	<i>A.</i> Clement.
96-98	Nerva.						
98-117	Trajan.	99	Dion Chrysostom.	104	<i>ob.</i> Martial.		
				106	<i>ob.</i> Tacitus.		
				109	<i>A.</i> Pliny (minor).		
				110	<i>A.</i> Suetonius.		<i>ob.</i> Ignatius.

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A. D.	ROMAN EMPERORS.	A. D.	GREEK WRITERS.	A. D.	LATIN WRITERS.	A. D.	CHRISTIAN WRITERS.
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