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PREFACE.

THIS book has been written for the purpose of furnishing a concise and convenient answer to questions frequently asked concerning the higher criticism. Its province is not therefore to discuss and weigh, but to report the facts of the subject. Nevertheless, the careful reader will find the principles stated upon which the opponents of the critics proceed in their refutations.

For our facts we have gone to the original sources, whenever they were accessible. We have not, however, referred to all the works consulted, but chose those for reference which were found most helpful, or which are easiest of access. Zöckler's "Handbuch der Theologischen Wissenschaften," Vol. I, and Weiss' "Einleitung in das Neue Testament"—the former on the entire Bible, the latter in its own department—were constantly in use. In this connection the writer wishes to express

his gratitude to Librarian Whelpley, of the Public Library of Cincinnati, and his intelligent assistants, for their uniform courtesy during the preparation of this work. The library contains a most excellent collection of theological literature.

Our aim has been to give chief prominence to the views of the more conservative critics, introducing as deviations therefrom the opinions of those who are more radical. In consulting brevity, we found the task a difficult one of keeping these views separate. Some study on the part of the reader who wishes to understand the subject is therefore expected.

As, in the course of several years, we have investigated this subject, we have felt as one feels when a dear friend is on trial. And, pleased with the concessions his enemies made in favor of the excellence of his character, we could scarce refrain from shouting aloud our rejoicing at his complete vindication by his friends. To one who enters upon such a course of study with the experience of Bible religion in his soul, no attacks aimed at fundamentals have any force. But it is a constant

source of satisfaction to see that the vast majority of the critics find nothing in the Bible to shake their faith in Jesus Christ or his gospel, but only that which confirms.

Part V is a reproduction of articles connected with the general subject published in the *Western Christian Advocate* during the spring of 1893. This will account for some repetition of thought which the reader may possibly notice.

The writer desires to express his thanks to the Rev. Professor Henry M. Harman, D. D., LL. D., for the Introduction he has written to this work. His "Introduction to the Holy Scriptures" is a mine of information on every phase of higher criticism, which we heartily commend to our readers for discussions which could not find place here without changing the entire scope and purpose of the work.

CHARLES W. RISHELL.

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