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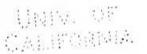
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The Freer Gospels first claimed the attention of modern scholars in the autumn of 1906, when a Gizeh dealer showed it with other ancient Biblical manuscripts to Dr. Grenfell and Dr. Hunt in Cairo. The manuscript with its three companions was purchased on December 10. 1906, by Mr. Charles L. Freer, and was sent to America. At a meeting of archaeologists held in Chicago on December 30, 1907, it was announced and briefly discussed, by Professor Henry A. Sanders. The text of the manuscript, which Professor Gregory has designated W, has since been carefully collated by Professor Sanders with an Oxford edition (1880) of the Received Text. The limited currency of that text and particularly of that edition in this country, and probably also in England, and the fact that we are dealing not with a mediacval cursive, but with an ancient uncial, make it seem desirable to put forth a collation with the text of Westcott and Hort, as the one most generally in use among English-speaking students. The appearance through the munificence of Mr. Freer of an excellent facsimile edition of the Freer Gospels and the distribution of this edition among leading libraries make such a collation easy, but not superfluous, since relatively few of those who feel an interest in the text of the manuscript will have convenient access to the facsimile edition, and few who do will have leisure for a continuous collation. How the new manuscript relates to Westcott and Hort is moreover what many students wish to know. To make the testimony of the Freer Gospels accessible to the widest possible circle of textual students, therefore, I have undertaken to provide a collation of its text with that of Westcott and Hort. I have sought to make this collation substantially complete; but mere itacisms, except in some proper names, and in some words where they may have a certain significance, I have disregarded, as well as twavvys for Twavys and the habitual addition of ν-movable to ἐστί, third singulars in ε, and words in σε. This is so constant that I have sought to record in a special note only W's failures to insert it where it might have stood.

The Freer Gospels is a parchment codex of 187 leaves, generally measuring cm. 20.7 by 14, arranged in twenty-six quires, usually of 571