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TO
THE PEOPLE OF MY CARE
WHOSE GENEROUS CANDOR AND UNFAILING KINDNESS
HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED MY BEST ENDEAVORS
TO SPEAK THE TRUTH
THIS BOOK
IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED



PREFACE

IN the little book entitled "Who Wrote the Bible?" it was necessary to treat in an extremely cursory manner the several biblical writings. In the course of ten short chapters the sixty-six books of the Bible all passed under review; but a few words respecting its origin and character could be given to each. There appeared to be good reasons for taking a few of the Old Testament books and subjecting them to a more careful examination. The reader of this volume will discover that this was done in a series of popular lectures. They were given on Sunday evenings to a thoughtful congregation. They are printed substantially as they were spoken; I have not greatly chastened the familiar and direct manner of speech.

On each of these books many volumes have been written; no one will expect to find in these brief discourses an adequate exposition of any of them. I have only wished to bring to the knowledge of those who heard them and of those who shall read

them a few of the more important results of recent biblical study. In the Introductory Essay I have considered somewhat carefully the duty of Christian pastors with respect to their use of the Book from which they draw the substance of their teaching.

The kindness with which the other little book has been received by Christians of all creeds, on both sides of the sea, ought to be here acknowledged. To a far greater extent than I could have expected, it has been employed as a text book in Bible classes, and in assemblies of Sunday-school teachers; from several sources I have received skillfully arranged analyses of the several chapters, with supplementary and illustrative suggestions, which must have added greatly to the value of the book in the hands of students. To many kind letters which have come to me from readers of the book I have been unable to reply; let this be the testimony of my gratitude that so many have found in it that which satisfies their reason and confirms their faith in the truth which the Bible reveals.

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