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PREFACE.

THE Book of Genesis is almost the sole original authority for the lives of Isaac and Jacob. A few additional touches are derivable from the New Testament, especially Gal. iv. and Heb. xi. Josephus adds scarcely anything, and what he adds is of doubtful value. The lives of the Second and Third Patriarch must be made out almost wholly from a careful study of Gen. xxi.—l. inclusive. In thus studying them, however, considerable assistance may be obtained from the works of several modern writers, who have devoted special attention to the period. Among these the most valuable are Dean Stanley's "Lectures on the Jewish Church," and Ewald's "History of the People of Israel," so excellently rendered into English by Mr. Carpenter. A clever monograph upon Jacob has been recently published by Mr. F. B. Meyer, throwing fresh light occasionally on his motives and character. The articles of Mr. W. T. Bullock on "Isaac" and "Jacob," in Dr. Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible," though rather slight, are also of value. The light, however, which can be thrown at the present day on the "lives and times" of the two patriarchs proceeds mainly from the progress of geographical and archæological research. Such works as Dr. Robinson's "Researches in Palestine," Canon Tristram's "Land of Israel," Thomson's "The Land and the Book," Stuart Poole's "Cities of Egypt," Conder's "Tent Work in Palestine," Geikie's "The Holy Land and the Bible," and Harper's "The Bible and Modern Discoveries," furnish an inexhaustible store of illustrations bearing upon the patriarchal histories, and enable vivid representations to be given of almost every scene and step in the narrative. The author has largely

availed himself of all these sources, and feels that what he has borrowed from them will constitute the principal attraction of his pages. He cannot allow his essay to go to press without making full acknowledgment of the great advantage which he has derived from the labours of these eminent persons.

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