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## PREFACE.

IN the following pages I have tried to give an account of the most recent discovery in theological literature, the Gospel attributed to St. Peter, in such a form as to familiarise the mind of the non-technical reader with some of the results which are being arrived at by Biblical scholars, and which ought to be as encouraging to our faith as they are stimulating to the understanding. The Gospel of Peter, even in the imperfect form in which it has come down to us, is the breaking of a new seal, the opening of a fresh door, to those who are engaged in the problems presented by Biblical and Patristic criticism. We may expect anything, in the world of Christian letters, after such an astonishing discovery; if we do not realise our ex-

pectations, it will certainly be because, either at home or abroad, in labours philological or archæological, we are wicked and slothful servants.



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## CHAPTER I.

### OF MODERN BIBLICAL AND PATRISTIC DISCOVERIES.

SOME days since, as I was examining a list of Patristic authorities which a modern scholar had indicated as necessary ground to be worked over in search of non-canonical parallels to the Christian Gospels, my attention was caught by the large proportion of the material cited which had become known within the last few years; for while there were a number of authorities referred to whose contents have been known from very early times, it would be no exaggeration to say that more than half of the books in question had seen the light, either wholly or in part, within the last five-and-twenty years; and their completeness or their first publication was due to earnest and painstaking work carried on in the great libraries of the East and West, or