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PREFACE.

THE purpose of these Ilchester Lectures, delivered at Oxford in the spring of 1886, is to show, on a small scale, the importance of the Slavonic literature in the literary history of modern Europe, and likewise to call attention to the vast materials, hitherto untouched, which are preserved in the literature and folk-lore of the Slavonic nations.

In treating of the religious and popular literature, I confined myself to the most important texts and immediate sources. My references to authorities it would be very easy greatly to increase.

In another work, however, I contemplate the publication of all the Slavonic texts belonging to the apocryphal literature, in the form of an English translation, with copious notes and introductions.

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