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PREFACE.



THE writers hope that this book may be of use to students in theological colleges, and to others. As far as possible references have been given to books written in, or translated into, English.

The sections on the first three Gospels and the Acts have been written by Archdeacon Allen. For the critical discussions on the remaining books, L. W. Grensted is responsible.

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I.

THE SYNOPTIC PROBLEM.

THE problem is this—

The first three Gospels contain narratives of the life of Christ which present points both of agreement and disagreement.

A. AGREEMENT—(1) In material.—If Mk. be taken as the basis of comparison, it will be found that most of its material reappears in the other two Gospels. Mt. has almost all the material of Mk., with the following exceptions :

- Mk. i. 23-28. Healing of a Demoniac.
- i. 35-39. Preaching in the synagogues.
- iv. 26-29. Parable of Seed growing secretly. —
- vii. 32-37. Healing of a deaf man.
- viii. 22-26. Healing of a blind man.
- ix. 38-40. The Exorcist.
- xii. 41-44. The widow's alms.

The third Gospel contains material corresponding