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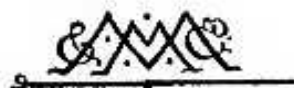
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## PREFACE

IN the Lent Term of 1908 Dr. Swete lectured on *The Parables of the Kingdom* in the course of his ordinary professorial duties. The lectures drew a large class of students, and were greatly appreciated at the time. After his death we were asked to consider the possibility of publishing them, and the encouragement received from those whom we consulted and whose judgement we value, has led us to do so.

The lectures form an excellent example of Dr. Swete's teaching by which, during the twenty-five years of his professoriate, he strove to serve theological students, and in particular candidates for Holy Orders, and the younger clergy. The attractiveness of this teaching was due to the way in which he combined in it his maturity of learning and insight with direct application to life, and clothed all in language at once graceful and simple. Such courses of lectures formed the material of many of Dr. Swete's lesser books; and we feel in giving these lectures to

a larger circle of readers that it is what he himself might well have done had he lived longer among us.

These lectures were left by Dr. Swete written out in full. Save for the removal of a few words or notes obviously meant solely for passing use in a lecture-room, they are here printed as he left them, and we have made no attempt whatever to remove the traces of their having been intended for oral delivery.

We acknowledge most gratefully the help of the Reverend Dr. W. Emery Barnes, Hulsean Professor of Divinity, who has read the proof-sheets and added the Indices and a number of references. The extracts (Greek) from the Gospel according to St. Mark are printed from Dr. Swete's own edition of that Gospel. Other extracts from the Greek of the New Testament are made from the text of Drs. Westcott and Hort, which Dr. Swete himself habitually used, by the courteous permission of Messrs. Macmillan and Co.

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