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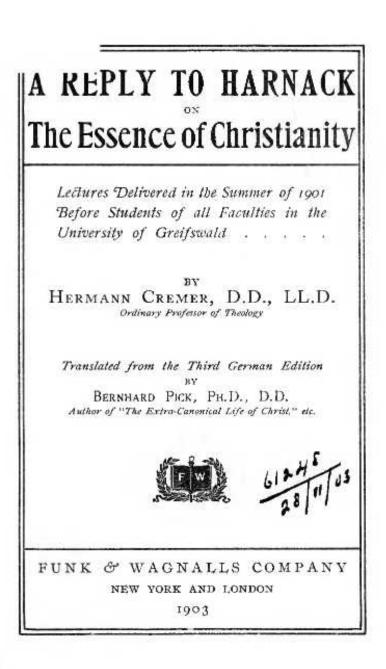
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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

HE author of these lectures, Hermann Cremer (born 1834), is well known to theological students by his "Biblisch-Theologisches Wörterbuch der neutestamentlichen Grä-

cität" (Gotha, 1866; 9th edition, 1902; English translation by W. Urwick : "Biblico-Theological Lexicon of New Testament Greek," Edinburgh, 1872; 3d edition, 1886). His theological standpoint is expressed in the dedication of these lectures to Pastor F. von Bodelschwingh, D.D., in Bethel, near Bielefeld, the promoter and founder of many institutions connected with the Inner Mission : "To thee, my dear brother, this work is dedicated to attest that one can only minister unto the poor and the wretched. unto the children and the aged, unto the sick and dying, and therefore only unto those that are whole, by representing before their eyes the Christ of the Bible, the Christ of the apostolic preaching, the Christ who came down from heaven and took upon Him our flesh and blood to die for us and to live for and with us. May one better understand the 'other Christ.' but one can only believe in that Christ in whom the children also believe."

Strange to say, Cremer's lectures have the same title as Harnack's, but here it is true: "Duo cum faciunt idem non est idem," and the fact that Cremer's lectures were issued within four months in three