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TRANSLATORS' PREFACE.

THE Lectures which are here translated were edited by Dr. Bernhard Riggerbach, and published in 1880, within two years after the lamented author's death. They were delivered by Dr. Beck as Ordinary Professor of Theology in the University of Tübingen, in two separate courses, and were gradually brought to their present form during a professoriate of more than thirty years. They are the fruit of a lifetime devoted with rare ability and piety to the study of Holy Scripture, and to its scientific and practical exposition. His earlier labours in the ministry, both in town and country, gave him personal experience of the care of souls, and his *Christliche Reden*—to which reference is often made in the following pages—delivered from the pulpit of Tübingen, and published in six volumes, bear ample witness to the power and insight with which he could apply the truths of Scripture to the life and the thought of his time. It was with him a fundamental principle—to adopt his own language—that “it is Scripture, in union with nature and life, faithfully appro-

priated on all its sides, and realized in a man's own experience, which makes the theologian and preacher, the teacher and pastor, capable of striking out a course for eternal truth amid the rocks and currents of opinion in his time, in every sphere both small and great, and fashioning men of God, characters meet for the kingdom of heaven." It was his consistent application of this principle that contributed so largely to his popularity, and won so many students from the influence of Baur.

The translators, who were students at Tübingen when one of the courses of Lectures was delivered, have found it a labour of love, albeit a labour of no small difficulty, to present to English-speaking students and readers this valuable work of one of the most eminent theologians of our time.

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