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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE.

IN preparing an entirely new translation of this work from the revised and enlarged edition of 1876, I have, as before, considered it only just to the learned and eloquent author to be as faithful to the original as possible; and therefore I have endeavoured, according to his own request, expressed in a letter to me just before the publication of the first translation, "to make him say neither more nor less than he desired to say." In that translation some sentences were shortened, and a few passages, which did not appear necessary to the elucidation of the argument, were omitted; but in the present edition there is neither omission nor alteration.

Perhaps it may be considered by some persons that the French language is now so generally studied in England as to render a translation of any modern French book unnecessary. But the technical forms of thought of a history of theological opinions are not likely to be familiar in their foreign guise to even the most accomplished of English readers,

while Dr. Reville is so distinguished as one of the leaders of thought amongst the liberal theologians of the French Reformed Church, and he presents his subject in so clear and concise a manner, that the publication of this, one of his principal works, in its present form, may prove acceptable, not only to the English public generally, but perhaps also to many of those who might be perfectly able to study the original.

My thanks are due to the Rev. Henry Ierson, who has kindly given me his valuable advice and aid while I have been engaged in the work of translating, and has carefully revised the proof-sheets for me.

ANN SWAINE.

JUNE, 1878.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

DURING the seven years that have elapsed since this little book was published, it has been the object of criticisms, some very encouraging, others contemptuous, and others again decidedly hostile. We have been able to take advantage of them all in rectifying some errors of detail which had escaped our attention. But it had never been honoured by any systematic refutation. It was only a few weeks before the editor of the *Bibliothèque de Philosophie Contemporaine* indicated to me the necessity of preparing a second edition, that a fortunate chance brought under my notice the announcement of a *Refutation de la Christologie de M. Albert Réville*, by M. l'Abbé J. Troncy, Doctor of Divinity and Licentiate in Letters,* a respectable octavo of four hundred and seventy-one pages, which I hastened to procure, in the hope that the new edition might gain much from this reply.

I cannot say that the hope has been realized; I found only a controversial treatise. The Abbé Troncy is certainly an earnest writer, and very learned in his kind. Only that

* Paris, Berche et Traûin, 1875.