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### PREFATORY NOTE.

THESE lectures were delivered by my father to the Clergy Training School at Cambridge in the Lent Term of 1890.

They are almost the only popular lectures which he gave: they are of a widely different character from his other lectures on Church History now in course of publication, and will appeal perhaps to a rather wider circle of readers. Though popular in treatment, they were however composed with all Dr Hort's accustomed care: he had had some idea of revising them for publication. The text of each lecture was written out in full, and the illustrative extracts from the works of the Fathers were read in translations partly published, partly of his own making: these characteristic

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specimens of writers of whose permanent value he was strongly convinced, will, it is hoped, be found not the least useful part of the volume, such a collection of passages not being easily accessible elsewhere. There is some uncertainty as to the limits of one of the passages quoted, that from Justin Martyr, but I hope that those here printed are substantially the extracts read in the course of each lecture. The quotations from Clement, Ignatius and Polycarp are taken from Bishop Lightfoot's *Apostolic Fathers*, that from Justin Martyr from the Rev. G. Reith's translation in the "Ante-Nicene Christian Library," with some alterations adopted from pencilled notes in Dr Hort's copy: for the two passages from Origen I am responsible, and have made use of the Rev. Dr Crombie's version in the same series: I could not discover whether the lecturer here used any published or manuscript translation. The two extracts from Irenæus were transcribed by Dr Hort himself.

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