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PREFACE

In the preface to his Essays in Biblical Greek, the late Dr. Hatch speaks of these as being designed "to point out to students of sacred literature some of the rich fields which have not yet been adequately explored, and to offer suggestions for their exploration." This book is an attempt to deal with some of the matters which formed the subject of Dr. Hatch's investigation, and, indeed, owes its origin to the results at which that most independent and keen-minded scholar arrived as regards the special character of Biblical Greek. But while the writer began with a complete, though provisional, acceptance of Hatch's conclusions, the farther the inquiry was pushed, the more decidedly was he compelled to doubt those conclusions, and finally to seek to establish the connection between the language of the LXX, and that of the New Testament on a totally different basis,

The discussion is purely a tentative one. Further research may modify many of the results which are here presented. But it seems to the writer that the lines for investigation laid down in this dissertation are at least trustworthy, and lead to the true standpoint for the study of Biblical Greek as a whole.

A list of the chief authorities referred to and consulted is given. But the writer must express special obligations to two books—Mullach's Grammatik der griechischen Vulgarsprache, and Thayer's edition of Grimm's Lexicon of the New Testament. The admirable lists in the Appendix to the latter work have formed, to a large extent, the basis of this investigation.

Callander, February 1895.

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