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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE.

THIS little work does not appear as a rival of the excellent grammars of Green and Davidson. It is rather designed for students in comparative philology, and for those who have already made some progress in Hebrew.

Although so modest in size that it may be mistaken for an elementary treatise, it should perhaps rather be considered as the most scientific discussion of the Hebrew language which has yet been produced.

While it was suggested by Justus Olshausen's "Lehrbuch", it is not an epitome of that work, but a really independent production.

Starting with the hypothesis that the Hebrew is not the most ancient member of the Semitic family of languages, the author has derived all the Hebrew forms by means of comparative analysis, from a more ancient Semitic language, which is best represented by the Arabic.

Although a competent critic may differ from the author in some of his conclusions, he will still recognize the hand of a master, and will acknowledge that

the student may obtain a clearer conception of the Hebrew forms, by the diligent study of this book.

The English edition is perhaps superior to the German in the following particulars. 1) The author has thoroughly revised and improved the original text. 2) The paragraphs on the prose and metrical accents have been added by Prof. FRANZ DELITZSCH at the request of Prof. BICKELL. 3) A large table of Semitic characters, of which the Egyptian letters were furnished by Prof. EBERS, has been prepared by Dr. EUTING of Strassburg, an eminent authority in this department.

The notes which are marked with a star, the table of contents, and the indexes, which were lacking in the German edition, have been added by the translator.

In closing, the translator tenders his best thanks to Prof. BICKELL for his lively interest in the work, and to Prof. DELITZSCH for many valuable suggestions.

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