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PREFACE.

THE aim of this work, which is intended as the first of a series, is to aid ministers and theological students in keeping themselves abreast of the thinking and investigations of our times in the various departments of theology. It is proposed to give an annual digest of the most important contributions in exegetical, historical, systematic and practical theology, in a popular yet accurate way.

Such a work, we are persuaded, is much needed by those interested in theological studies, as a source of information, in a cheap and convenient form, and as a stimulus to study. We are not aware that any one volume has ever been issued in the English language with this intent. In Germany an Encyclopædia of Theological Sciences has recently been edited by Zöckler, and a Report of Theological Literature by Pünjer. The method pursued in our work seeks to combine the advantages of both publications in book form, affording that which is latest, and yet of permanent value, in a convenient hand-book for reading or reference.

The present volume, which is mainly the fruit of independent reading and study, is introductory, although forming a complete treatise by itself. It was necessary in order to pursue the subjects sug-

gested with profit to take a general survey of the field, and determine the bearings of theological enquiry.

While it was not convenient in the first issue to give a full and separate treatment of New Testament Studies, and Practical Theology was omitted altogether, yet it is hoped that this book may be of service in advancing the interests of Christ's Kingdom by presenting those issues which should be understood and fairly met.

Should this work meet with sufficient encouragement, subsequent volumes containing essays and a survey of the most important theological literature of each year, may be expected.

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