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CHAPTER I

THE OLD TESTAMENT APOCRYPHA— INTRODUCTION

THE PRESENT-DAY VALUE OF THE APOCRYPHA

THE first question which naturally suggests itself in approaching the study of Jewish Apocryphal literature is, Why should we trouble about the Apocrypha at all? What value has the Apocrypha for us to-day? Immersed as we are in theological problems of the first importance, why should we devote time and strength to the study of books which have been unanimously rejected by the whole of Protestant Christendom?

This question might be answered in various ways.

There are many grounds upon which the Apocrypha can lay claim to our interest.

1. We must remember that up to the time of the Reformation the Apocrypha formed *an integral part of the Christian Bible*. It is true that many of the Christian Fathers drew a distinction between the Apocrypha