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PREFACE.

I have given up my first intention of publishing an Edition of the Greek Testament: and have confined myself to Extracts from the Sacred Books, and Notes bearing on the points to which I desire to direct attention.

I avoid thereby the very great and unnecessary expense of printing the whole Text merely as a vehicle for distinctive marks exhibiting the Hebraisms and Non-Classical peculiarities of style; and also the difficulty of selecting a Text, under the present uncertainty as to final recension.

But I have preserved and re-issue the Gospel of S. Matthew previously published by me, as a sample of my original design.

I am thoroughly aware of the incomplete and fragmentary character of my little work. I earnestly disavow any claim to an exhaustive exhibition of all the Hebraisms, or all the deviations from Classical phraseology contained in the Greek Testament; of which I have gathered together and put forward only a few specimens, in the hope of stimulating others to fuller and more exact research.

And I repeat what I said in my former Preface (which I subjoin herewith in explanation of my object and aim throughout, and for the perusal of which I venture to ask a few minutes), that I have thought of the perplexed and embarrassed Student, rather than of the accomplished Scholar, in most of what I have written; for which I beg the indulgent forbearance of more learned critics.

My extracts (except on S. Matthew) are from the Textus Receptus. But I do not anticipate, generally, any discrepancy of such a character, as to prevent my book being used side by side with any of the more recent editions.

The theory about Melchisedek (Heb. 7. 1, note) was suggested to me, nearly 40 years ago, by the late lamented Archdeacon Freeman; and formed the subject of one among many very interesting Essays on some obscure passages of Holy Writ, which he had prepared for the Press, but never published in his own name. I was not aware that it had ever been put forth by him, till I discovered it, this day, in an anonymous Article on Jerusalem in the Christian Remembrancer of Oct. 1849, to which he refers in his Principles of Divine Service, Vol. 2, page 116, and in which his views are most lucidly and fully exhibited.

I trust that the kind reception given to my S. Matthew by many eminent Scholars, Classical and Hebrew, and by several of the leading Critical Journals, in England; and in Germany by the learned Professor Schürer (Theologische Literaturzeitung, Leipzig, 1 September, 1877), may be extended to the rest of the work.

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