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PREFATORY NOTE

THE following Studies form the elaboration of a course of lectures given in Cambridge last year to the students who came up for the *Vacation Term for Biblical Study*. The Studies have, with three exceptions, been selected with the object of dealing with such subjects as, from their nature, cannot be discussed at much length in Commentaries ; this applies more especially to the doctrinal and archæological Studies, which take up the major part of the following pages. Points of exegesis can also be dealt with more at length in a lecture than in a commentary where the entire text of a book has to be explained. The two first Studies, which are introductory, deal with the composite character of the book of Isaiah ; this, though amply considered in the Commentaries, seemed to be a necessary preliminary here too, because it has a direct bearing on the different doctrinal standpoints in the book. A brief historical survey was also con-

sidered appropriate as the historical background of the book has so much to do with the proper understanding of it. It has not been thought necessary to give a list of books on *Isaiah*, especially as commentaries have not been made much use of ; light on the various passages discussed has been sought in many diverse quarters, the enumeration of which would not be possible ; for in reading one absorbs some things from others, and some are evolved out of one's own mind ; and later on it becomes difficult to ascertain the origin of some of the things that are written down.

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