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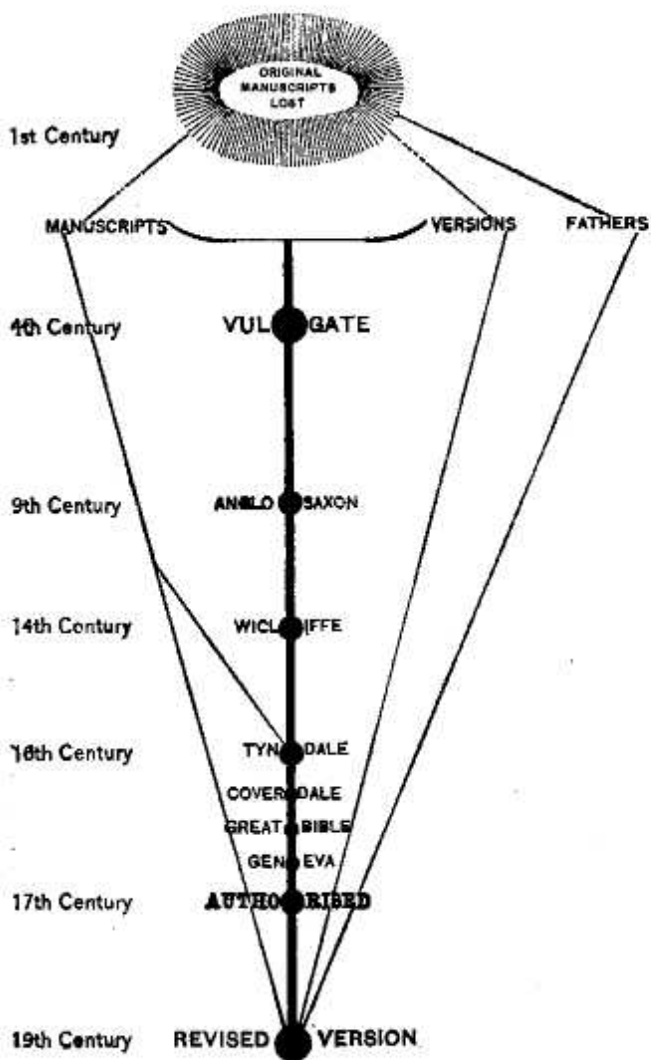
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PREFACE

TO THE FIFTEENTH EDITION.

FOURTEEN years ago, on the completion of the Revised Version of the Bible, this little book was written. Questions that must always be of interest to men were then brought into special prominence. Not only among the poorer classes, but among many more educated people as well, there was a vaguely puzzled half-suspicious feeling with regard to the new Bible attempting to supersede the venerable old version, which their fathers and forefathers for hundreds of years past had read as God's inspired message to the world. Men were surprised at finding some passages of the old Bible altered so as quite to change their meaning, and still more perhaps at noticing here and there verses entirely omitted, which they had always regarded as part of the inspired Word of God. And so the questions constantly arose when the New Version was talked of, "What fresh information has come to these Bible Revisers? By what right do men, 1800 years after the time of Our Lord, venture to meddle with the words of His revelation?" which easily led to still further questions as to the existence