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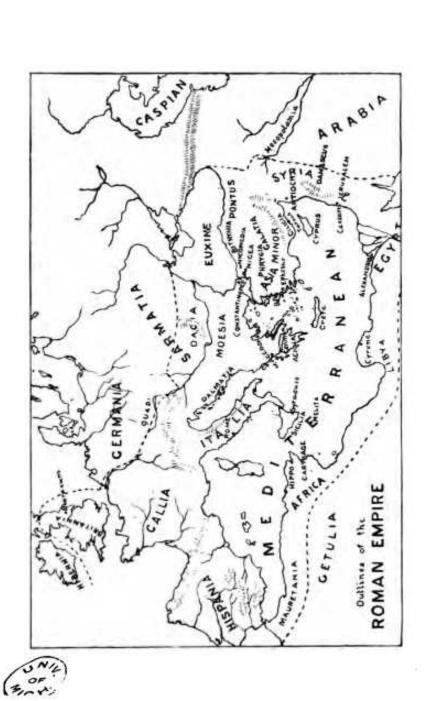
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PREFACE

So much interest was displayed in the subject of these chapters by the popular audiences to whom they were first given as lectures that it is hoped their perusal will be found helpful to many, who, having little time to study larger volumes, are nevertheless anxious to learn the chief points in the history of early Christianity. The author has endeavoured to distinguish between the facts enumerated and the opinions which are based on them; and, while the views expressed may be questioned, he believes the statements made can be amply verified.

The reader who desires further information on the subject is strongly advised to consult the manual issued, since these pages were written, by the Rev. W. E. Addis, M.A., under the title, Christianity and the Roman Empire, and published by the Sunday School Association, Essex Hall, London.

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CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

- B.C.
 - 63 Romans under Pompey take Jerusalem.
- 37-4 Herod the Great, King of Judæa.
 - 27 Augustus, Emperor.
- A.D.
 - 14 Tiberius, Emperor.
- 25-36 Pontius Pilate, Procurator of Judæa.
 - 36 Stephen martyred (?).
 - 64 Nero persecutes Christianity at Rome. Paul died (?).
 - 70 Titus takes Jerusalem.
 - 98 Trajan, Emperor.
 - 102 Clement of Rome died (?).
- 112-114 Pliny, Governor of Bithynia.
 - 117 Hadrian, Emperor.
 - 125 (?) Apologies of Quadratus and Aristides.
 - 135 Bar Cochba's Revolt crushed.
 - 138 Antoninus Pius, Emperor.

- 140-150 Marcion flourished.
 - 150 Montanus flourished.
- 150-165 Justin Martyr flourished.
 - 161 Marcus Aurelius, Emperor.
 - 163 Papias died (?).
 - 165 (?) Tatian composed the ' Diatessaron.'
 - 170 (?) Hegesippus, historian.
 - 178 (?) Celsus wrote against Christianity.
- 118-200 Irenœus flourished.
 - 180 Commodus, Emperor.
 - 193 Septimius Severus, Emperor.
- 193-220 Clement of Alexandria flourished.
- 197-220 Tertullian flourished.
- 205-254 Origen flourished.
 - 222 Alexander Severus, Emperor.
 - 249 Decius, Emperor.
- 249-258 Cyprian flourished.
 - 250 (?) Sabellius flourished.
- 260-270 Paul of Samosata slourished.
 - 284 Diocletian, Emperor.
- 303-305 Great Persecution.
 - 306 Constantine Cæsar in the West.
- 310-336 Arius flourished.
 - 313 Edict of Milan in favour of Christians.
- 320-350 Athanasius flourished
 - 324 Constantine, Emperor.
 - 325 Council of Nicea.

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