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"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who, by reason of use, have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Евр. 5, 14.



Preface.



IN 1862 the undersigned gave the Church the first English translation of *Graul's Distinctive Doctrines*. That was a translation of the *Fifth German Edition*, and in it, as stated in the Preface, "Luther's Confession of Faith and the Appendix" were omitted.

Under the skillful hand of Dr. Seeberg the latest, the twelfth, German edition has been much enlarged and improved, and we here give the English-reading portion of our Church the benefit of the entire work.

References to the Book of Concord are always, as will be seen, to the page in Jacobs' edition; but in a few instances the translation differs slightly from that of Jacobs.

The thanks of the undersigned—and of all who use this book—are due to the committee of the Publication Board who revised the manuscript before it was placed in the printer's hands. Their work enhances the value of the book.

The many words of encouragement the undersigned has received from men occupying positions of influence in the Church—in the East and the West—to furnish a new translation of this treatise, justify the hope that its appearance will be generally welcomed.

May the blessing of God rest on this book and on those who read it!

D. M. MARTENS.

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