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PREFACE

THE aim of this Introduction is to give a general account of the critical problems which concern the Hexateuch as a whole, with a view to a more complete treatment than would otherwise be possible, and in order to avoid repetitions in the Introductions to the separate books. The special problems connected with each book will be dealt with in the separate commentaries.

The writer desires to make his acknowledgements to Bishop Ryle and Dr M^cNeile for valuable help and counsel; and to Professor Driver, who has read the proof-sheets throughout with the greatest care, and made various suggestions upon them, which in most cases he has gladly adopted.

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- LOT*⁸ An Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament, by S. R. Driver. Eighth Edition. The pagination is the same as in the 6th and 7th edd.
- EHH* The early History of the Hebrews, by A. H. Sayce.
- I.C.C.* International Critical Commentary.
- J. Th. S.* Journal of Theological Studies.
- Oxf. Hex.* The Hexateuch, by J. E. Carpenter and G. Harford-Battersby.
- SHS* Dr Briggs' General Introduction to the Study of Holy Scripture.
- DB* Dictionary of the Bible, edited by Hastings. (4 vols. The supplementary volume is referred to as vol. v.)
- Enc. Bib.* Encyclopaedia Biblica. *Enc. Brit.* Enc. Britannica.
- QPB* The Variorum Bible. (Eyre and Spottiswoode.)
- Ges.-K.* Gesenius' Hebräische Grammatik (28th ed., by E. Kautzsch). English translation by A. E. Cowley.
- BDB.* Hebrew Lexicon by Brown, Driver, and Briggs.

Other works are quoted in full when first cited, and subsequent abbreviations will be easily understood.

EVV., for A.V. and R.V. where both agree; *cpw.*, compared with; the letter 't' after a numeral, as '6 t,' should be read—'6 times.' The mark † indicates that all the passages in the O. T. where the word or expression occurs have been cited.

In quotations R.V. is generally given; but sometimes another rendering has been adopted, especially in comparing passages together, in order to make clear the extent of the similarity in the Hebrew.