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THESE Lectures introductory to the Epistles to the Romans and Ephesians are published with the fewest possible variations from the manuscript of the Lectures as delivered. It will be obvious that they do not cover the whole ground, as laid out by Dr Hort. But so far as they go, they clearly form an invaluable contribution to the study of those Epistles. This will justify their publication in their fragmentary condition.

The task of editing has been confined to the verification of quotations and the supply of headings to the pages and chapters. These have been framed as closely as possible on the phraseology of the text itself.

It is hoped that some specimens of commentary on these Epistles may be published with other *Adversaria* in another volume.

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