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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE.

In his endeavour to make an accurate translation of Dr. Kuenen's work, the translator has had the assistance of the author, who has been kind enough to look through the proofs, and also the valuable aid of Dr. John Muir, of Edinburgh, who has read the whole of the manuscript and has suggested many improvements.
AUTHOR'S PREFACE

TO THE ENGLISH EDITION.

My work upon The Religion of Israel is offered to the English public in the same form in which it originally saw the light in 1869-70. I have had to make no alterations of any importance. Of course, I should now have put forward this or that detail somewhat otherwise than five years ago, but this could not be done in looking through the proofs. I have also been obliged to leave untouched the literature of recent years, for I could not possibly do it justice. Thus, for example, the divergent opinion of my esteemed friend Bishop Colenso* upon a few points deserves much more than a passing remark; the mistaken conception of sound criticism formed by Dr. H. Graetz† cannot be refuted in a couple of lines. Let the reader, therefore, take my book as I wrote it, and let him judge it by its own date. The following references may serve to supplement those which occur in the work itself:—

Pp. 33, 34.—The dates which are given here and elsewhere are borrowed from the Old Testament itself, but only partially agree with the Assyrian chronology. Comp., among others,

† Gesch. der Juden von den ältesten Zeiten bis auf die Gegenwart, Band I. Lief. 1-9 (Leipzig, 1873-1874).
E. Schrader, *die Keilinschriften und das Alte Testament* (Giessen, 1872).

P. 97.—With regard to the text of 1 Sam. xiv. 18 and other corrupt passages in the books of Samuel, comp. J. Wellhausen, *der Text der Bücher Samuels untersucht* (Goettingen, 1872).


Pp. 129, seq.—I hope to give elsewhere the reasons why Bishop Colenso’s opinion as to the deuteronomistic origin of Exod. xx. 1-17 seems to me to be inadmissible.


Pp. 224, 228.—That which is said here can now be illustrated by means of the Moabite stone or the pillar of Mesa. Prof. L. Dietzel has given an excellent review of the very extensive literature upon this subject in the *Jahrbücher für Deutsche Theologie*, Band xvi. 615-651.

Pp. 232, 233.—2 Sam. xi. 11 ought also to have been quoted.

Pp. 249, 254.—To the writings mentioned here can now be added C. P. Tiele, *vergelijkende geschiedenis van de Egyptische en Mesopotamische Godsdensten* (Amsterdam, 1872). The religion of Babylon and Assur is treated on pp. 282-113.