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INTRODUCTION.

This book is designed as a handbook for students, to be used in connection with such short outline studies as Stalker's "Life of St. Paul." It is called a Harmony, as I have endeavored to blend the history of Paul's life as given in The Acts of the Apostles with selections from the Pauline Epistles. In constructing a harmony of the life of Christ the problem is merely one of the arrangement of the material, all of which is given in the four Gospel histories. In arranging a harmony of Paul's life omission is absolutely necessary. Luke's history of the apostle's life is taken as a basis and is printed entire, and to it are added such passages from Paul's letters, written at different times and with various purposes, as are parallel or supplementary to the Acts. The Harmony covers primarily the Life of St. Paul, and therefore the dogmatic and ethical portions of his writings are generally omitted, that, in so short a handbook, the story of his life may not be lost in his theology. Doubtless many would add passages which I have left out, but I safely may say that I have inserted in the text almost all of the historical and autobiographical allusions in the Epistles which conservative critics generally concede are necessary to fill out the incomplete record in the Acts.

The text used is the Authorized Version, but the most radical changes in the Revised Version are indicated in the notes and indexes. The notes consider chiefly the arrangement of the passages in the text. Special attention has been given to Paul's companions and the chronology of the apostle's life. The other comments relate to Paul's speeches, the occasion of the writing of the Epistles, his trials and imprisonments, and such other matters as give an insight into his personal life and character.

I acknowledge with pleasure valuable criticisms on the text received from Prof. Marvin R. Vincent, D. D., Prof. B. Rush Rhees and Rev. Edward Judson, D. D. I am conscious that in deciding upon the many critical questions arising in the preparation of such a volume at times I may have fallen into error, but I hope that the publication of the life of St. Paul in the language of the sacred writers themselves may serve to give a clearer understanding of that great disciple whose name Monod regards "as the type of at once the most extended and the most useful activity of which the history of men has furnished remembrance."

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* In the chronology of the Harmony I have followed Hackett in his commentary on
the Acts (Hovey Ed.). He gives five leading events (Intro., pp. 20-23), the dates of
which are fixed with reasonable certainty. I. The conversion of Paul, A. D. 36. This
is calculated from Josephus and the allusion in 2 Cor. 11:32 to Aretas, who was king of
Arabia and in possession of Damascus when Paul escaped from that city three years
after his conversion. II. The death of Herod Agrippa I. (Acts 12:23), which Josephus
fixes at A. D. 44. This determines "the return of Paul to Antioch from his second
VI. Fifth Visit to Jerusalem. Paul seized in the Temple, 58 A. D.

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Visit to Jerusalem and his departure on his first missionary excursion.” III. The third journey of Paul to Jerusalem, A. D. 50. Gal. 2:1 says he went up to Jerusalem after fourteen years. This reckoned from his conversion, A. D. 36, gives A. D. 50, the year of the first Church Council. “Paul departed on his second missionary tour soon after his return to Antioch from this third visit to Jerusalem, and hence we are enabled to assign that second tour to the year A. D. 51.” IV. The Procuratorship of Felix. Felix was superseded by Festus, according to Josephus, Tacitus and Suetonius, in A. D. 60 or 61. Upon this date depends the year of the apostle’s arrest in Jerusalem “on his fifth and last visit thither before he was sent to Rome. His captivity at Cæsarea which followed that arrest continued two years, and must have commenced in the spring of A. D. 58 or 59.” V. The arrival of Paul in Rome, A. D. 61 or 62. “It is evident from the Acts that Paul proceeded to Rome almost immediately after the entrance of Festus on his office; and if this took place in A. D. 60 or 61 he must have arrived in Rome early in the spring of 61 or 62.”