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ABBREVIATIONS

CB: Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges
Code: A. C. Welch, The Code of Deuteronomy
EQ: Evangelical Quarterly
ET: English Translation
EVV: English Version
Framework: A. C. Welch, Deuteronomy: The Framework to the Code
Gottesvolk: G. von Rad, Das Gottesvolk im Deuteronomium
HDB: J. Hastings, Dictionary of the Bible
Hertz: J. H. Hertz, The Pentateuch and Haftarot, Volume V: Deuteronomy
ICC: International Critical Commentary
JBL: Journal of Biblical Literature
JTS: Journal of Theological Studies
MT: Masoretic Text
OTMS: H. H. Rowley (ed.), The Old Testament and Modern Study
OTP: E. Robertson, The Old Testament Problem
PTR: Princeton Theological Review
RB: Revue Biblique
Studies: G. von Rad, Studies in Deuteronomy, English translation by D. G. M. Stalker
VT: Vetus Testamentum
ZATW: Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft

N.B.—When drawing attention to words or phrases which frequently occur the device has been adopted of giving the first occurrence in a footnote reference followed by a figure within brackets which indicates the number of times it occurs.

PREFACE

In the course of preparing a commentary on Deuteronomy for the general reader, the need arose to study the different dates put forward by scholars for the composition of the book, from the time of Samuel, or before, to that of the exile, or after, together with the arguments for and against each. This led to an independent study of the evidence contained in the book itself, the results of which are presented in this volume.

The question of the origin of Deuteronomy has been described as a 'knotty problem'; and those who have studied the different solutions offered will readily agree. It is also one of fascinating interest, and of importance because of the issues which are involved.

The student will find abundant help for the understanding of the text from the commentaries of S. R. Driver and Rabbi Hertz, the latter volume being of special interest because of the commentator's Jewish background. Another useful book is The Old Testament and Modern Studies, edited by H. H. Rowley, which reviews the work of British and Continental scholars upon the Old Testament during the past thirty years.

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The treatment aims at being positive and objective; some of the wider issues to which the problems involved give rise are briefly considered in an Epilogue.

These studies are put forth, not without much diffidence, in the hope that they may contribute in some degree to the better understanding of a book upon which attention has been specially concentrated in recent years.

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