

ST. HIPPOLYTUS  
AND  
THE CHURCH OF ROME  
IN THE  
EARLIER PART  
OF  
THE THIRD CENTURY.

FROM THE NEWLY-DISCOVERED PHILOSOPHUMENA.

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## PREFACE.

THE present Work consists of two Parts. The former contains a Dissertation on the Authorship of the newly-discovered “Philosophumena,” and on the Life, Times, and Works of the Writer, especially in reference to Christian Doctrine, and to the early History of the Church, particularly of the Roman Church, with some application to the circumstances of our own age.

The latter Portion of the Volume is occupied with the Historical Narrative, which is contained in the “Philosophumena,” concerning the Church of Rome in the first quarter of the Third Century, and is the most ancient and ample record, now extant, of the condition of that Church in that early age. This Narrative is presented in the words of the Original, with an English Translation, and Notes.

The Notes are, for the most part, critical; some of the conjectural readings there proposed have been followed in the English Translation, in a few passages, where the Greek Text of the MS. did not appear to afford a clear sense. But none of these have been introduced into the Text itself.

In the Appendix will be found a Fragment of a Work by the Author of the “Philosophumena,” from an Oxford MS. This is followed by a collation of passages in the “Philosophumena” with a Work of Theodoret, showing that the newly-discovered Treatise was recognized as an authoritative document in his age,—the fifth century,—and that considerable portions of the Tenth Book were adopted by him.

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