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PREFACE TO THE GERMAN EDITION.

Had I alone been concerned, I should not have undertaken a new edition of the Syriac Porta. For what we need for Syriac, as for most other Semitic languages, is the investigation of special questions, linguistic, historic and other, similar to those which de Lagarde has given us on the figtree and Astarte or Wellhausen on the remains of Arabic heathendom, and not fresh presentations of what everybody knows. Moreover, since the appearance of the first edition (1881), I have ceased to have occasion to lecture on Syriac. On the other hand, the speedy sale of my book showed me that it really supplied a want, and accordingly I have done what I could for the new edition. Like other parts of the Porta, the Syriac grammar no longer appears in Latin but in German and English-which explains the arrangement of the second half of the book. The part comprising the Grammar, notwithstanding the addition of a few observations on the Syntax, occupies less space than in the first edition. As regards the Bibliography, I thought



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