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 such phenomena in our sacred writings, the student will learn to   
 appreciate the evidence which they contribute to the historic truth of   
 our belief with regard to them and their writers :—and will also per-   
 ceive an admirable adaptation of the workman to his work, by Him   
 whose One Spirit has overruled them all.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 CHAPTER VI.   
   
 THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.   
   
   
 SECTION I.   
   
 ITS AUTHORSHIP.   
   
   
 1. Tue Author of this book is identical with that of the third Gospel,   
 as plainly appears from the circumstance that in its address, to a certain   
 Theophilus, reference is made to a former work on the acts and words   
 of Jesus, similarly addressed. Comp. Acts i. 1, Luke i.3. That Author   
 is traditionally known as Lucas or Luke, spoken of Col. iv. 14, and agaiu   
 Philem. 24, and 2 Tim. iv. 11. For notices respecting him, see Introd.   
 to St. Luke § 1.   
 2. Nor is there any reason to reject the testimony of tradition in this   
 matter. In chaps. xxvii. and xxviii. we find our Author (see below,   
 paragr. 4) accompanying St. Paul to Rome. In the passages above cited,   
 all written from Rome, we find that Luke was there, in the company of   
 that Apostle. So far at least there is nothing inconsistent with Luke   
 having written this book ; and if this book, the Gospel.   
 3. That no other writer has here assumed the person of the Author of   
 the Gospel, may be gathered from the diction of this book strongly   
 resembling that of the other. ‘The student who consults the references   
 in my Edition of the Greek Test. will be continually met by words and   
 phrases either peculiar to the two books and not met with elsewhere   
 (about fifty of these occur),—or mostly found in the two.   
 4, That no writer other than the Author of the rest of the book has   
 furnished the parts in which the narrative proceeds in the first person,   
 will be plain, if the matter be thus considered. (a) We have evidence,   
 both by his own assertion (Luke i, 3), and from the eontents of the   
 Gospel and this book, that Luke was a careful and painstaking writer.   
 Now it would bespeak a degree of carelessness wholly unexampled,—   
 for oue who compiled a continuous memoir, to leave its component   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
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