INTRODUCTION.   
   
   
   
   
   
 CHAPTER I.   
   
   
 THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS.   
   
   
 SECTION I.   
 ITS AUTHORSHIP, AND INTEGRITY.   
   
   
 1. Tus Epistle has been universally believed to be the genuine   
 production of the Apostle Paul. Neither the Judaizing sects of   
 old, who rejected the Pauline Epistles, nor the sceptical critics   
 of modern Germany, have doubted this. Some of the earliest testi-   
 monies are :   
 (A) Ireneus expressly quotes ch. i. 1 and ix. 5,as the words of “Paul   
 writing to the Romans.”   
 (s) Clement of Alexandria quotes ch. xi. 22, vi. 2, and other places, as   
 the werds “of St. Paul,” of “St. Paul in the Epistle to the Romans,” &e.   
 (c) Tertullian quotes ch. i. 7, and ch. ix. 5, as written by “the   
 Apostle.”   
 More instances need not be given: the stream of evidence is con-   
 tinuous and unanimous.   
 2. But critics have not been so well agreed as to the IntEGrity of   
 the present Epistle. The last two chapters have been rejected by some:   
 by others, parts of these chapters. The ancient heretic Marcion rejected   
 them, but on doctrinal, not on critical grounds. Warious modern critics   
 have held as follows : ch. xii.xv. to be a later written Epistle, and ch.   
 xvi. to be a conclusion to ch. xi.: ch. xv. to be a private memorandum,   
 not addressed to the Romans, but written to be communicated by the   
 bearers of the Epistle to those whom they visited on the way,—and ch.   
 xvi., to be a register of persons to be saluted, also on the way : ch. xvi.   
 to have been written from Rome to the Ephesians, or to be fragments of   
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