

MONUMENT FACTS AND HIGHER CRITICAL FANCIES

CHAPTER I HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

THE Old Testament is a collection of ancient literary works, and it was written by Orientals. These are two facts which will be admitted by every one, but they are facts, nevertheless, which once admitted, seem to be immediately forgotten. Students and critics, commentators and readers have united in interpreting or criticizing the books of the Old Testament as if they were the production of modern Europeans. « Whether the object of the writer has been to defend or to undermine their authenticity and trustworthiness, the same method has been employed, the same point of view adopted, the same principles unconsciously followed. » Critic and commentator