

INTRODUCTORY.

In the complex fulness of the developed life of an institution it is often difficult to determine what are its essential and what its adventitious elements. But if we can acquaint ourselves with the simpler and more vital forms of its origin, and if we can trace its development, noting the causes that from time to time give rise to change, we more clearly discern not only the value of its parts, but apprehend in an increased degree the meaning and significance of the whole.

It is the aim of these lectures to present some of the leading features of the life of the early Christians and of the development of their teaching, as these may be found in the first quarter of a century of Christian history, or from the death of our Lord, until the Judaic controversy is well defined, or even at its height.

Two lectures will be given on the Jewish Christian Church, two on the history, character and work of St. Paul, and four on Paul's letter to the Galatians.