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BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS

Recently Published Fragmentary Texts of the New Testament: a Summary

AMONG the thousands of literary and non-literary fragments brought to light within a generation are scores of bits of vellum and papyrus bearing portions of the New Testament text. Most of them are very brief and show regrettable lacunae, though a few are much longer (e. g. *OP* 657,—He. 2 14—55; 10 8—11 13; 11 28—12 17; vol. iv., p. 36). Some of these fragments have been noted (Gregory, Weeseley, v. Soden, Deissmann, Kenyon) and cited in such books as Moulton and Milligan, Abbot-Smith. Collations are yet to appear.

Including two fragments from the IV Gospel—8 14—22; 16 14—30 (*Oxyrhynchus Papyri*, XV, 1922) 79 papyrus and vellum fragments bear witness to 1210 verses of the New Testament text.

<i>Book</i>	<i>Total Vss.—No.</i>	<i>Rep. in Fragments</i>	<i>% of entire text</i>
Mt.	1071	236	22.03
Mk.	678	143	21.24
Lk.	1151	193	16.68
Jo.	887	156	17.58
Ac.	1007	83	8.24
Ro.	433	68	15.7
1 C	406	76	18.71
2 C	255	8	3.13
Gal.	118	39	33.05
Phil.	104	16	15.38
1 Th.	89	8	9

<i>Book</i>	<i>Total Vss.—No.</i>	<i>Rep. in Fragments</i>	<i>% of entire text</i>
Titus	113	11	9.73
He.	303	89	29.37
Jas.	108	38	35.19
1 P	110	17	15.45
1 J	105	6	5.71
Re	403	23	5.7
17	6341	1210	19.06

Total No. of books of N. T. 27 No. Represented—17 = 63%

These fragments range by centuries:

III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Doubtful (scholars not agreed)
6	19	23	15	5	3	1	7

With one exception, Mt. 13 37-46; 13 55-14 8; 14 20-15 3; 15 15-26, the fragments later than Cent. VI are brief, in all 88 verses (VII, 34; VIII, 47; IX, 7).

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