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"Die neutestamentliche Grammatik von Professor A. T. Robertson ist, obwohl ein μέγα βιβλίον, ein μέγα ἀγαθόν. Mit Benediktinerfleiss geschaffen, 'im geringen treu, und im grossen zuverlässig, wird sie auf viele Jahre hinaus eine Schatzkammer der Belehrung sein. Ich wünsche dem verdienten Fachgenossen einen reichgesegneten Lebensherbst.'

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"I consider it a great honour to be asked to join in the just recognition of Prof. A. T. Robertson. It is long since I began to read everything that had his name attached to it. His wonderful Grammar of the New Testament is a work which entitles him to a place in the very front rank of those who teach and study the N. T. Prof. Robertson has behind everything he writes a vast and accurate scholarship. He is the most unpretending of men, but his merits cannot be hid."

SIR W. ROBERTSON NICOLL, C.H., LL.D.
Editor of "British Weekly"

"I had the advantage of making the acquaintance of Prof. Robertson in Oxford and saw what a keen and thorough student he is: and I know that he combines the two qualities so important for a scholar of the New Testament, careful scholarship and loyal reverence. I am sure that my eminent predecessor, Dr. Sanday, would, if he were still alive, join with me in greeting to Professor Robertson and in every good wish to him."

REV. WALTER LOCK, D.D.
Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, University of Oxford

"It is given to few men to spend so many years of labour in one field of Christian scholarship and to reap from it so abundant a harvest as Dr. Robertson has done, and to still fewer to be so fit as to hold out the promise of more fruitful years. I join most gladly in sincere appreciation of his distinguished services to N. T. learning."

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"It is a joy to congratulate Dr. A. T. Robertson on his jubilee. He is one of the foremost scholars of our time. His mastery of the Greek of the New Testament is unique and his contribution to the exposition of the contents of the New Testament has laid the world under obligation to his pen. His services to the ministry will be reproductive for many years to come and the influence of his fine loyalty to Christ and devotion to his Church and Kingdom will go on moulding and shaping the future of religion in the Southern States for generations.

"May Dr. Robertson be long spared to us to complete and crown the work so nobly begun and carried forward."

JOHN CLIFFORD, D.D.,
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"Dr. Robertson has good reason to be proud of his achievement—an epoch-making Grammar on the most approved lines of modern historical research. He has suggested new and fruitful lines of investigation. He has provided advanced students, teachers, and scholarly pastors with an invaluable aid in their efforts to acquaint themselves more thoroughly with their Greek N. T."

PROF. GEORGE MILLIGAN, D.D., D.C.L.,
Glasgow University,
Moderator of the Church of Scotland

"Professor A. T. Robertson is a man with a remarkable combination of gifts. In his comprehensive Grammar he has raised a stately edifice which will last for generations and ensures him a permanent reputation. But he has at the same time by his homiletical works, informed alike by sound learning and spiritual insight, rendered a unique service. Profound learning has not dried up the springs of his spirit."

ALEX. SOUTER, D.Litt., Professor of Humanity,
Aberdeen University

"As an old friend of Dr. Robertson I am glad to hear of the movement to honour him. Like certain theologians of the past, such as Calvin and Luther, he was happy in becoming early possessed with the purpose of a great work, which has drawn into itself his studies of every kind. Not only has he completed the MAGNUM OPUS, but his studies have widened out on every hand. With scholarship he has combined loyalty to the Gospel, and few are the names in Christendom to-day which add such weight to the profession of evangelical traditions. Only those however, who have seen him in his own home can be fully aware how tender is the heart of the great scholar."

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"Dr. A. T. Robertson’s Grammars are amongst my closest companions. For all matters relating to the Greek N. T. there is absolutely no other book to compare with the larger work. Students owe a special debt of gratitude to its author."

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"With cordial appreciation of Dr. Robertson’s indefatigable activity as a teacher of the N. T., his eminent services to his own Church and to international Biblical scholarship, and with grateful remembrance of thirteen years’ inspiring friendship. May many fruitful years be added.”
S. ANGUS, Ph.D., D.Lit.,
Professor of N. T. and Historical Theology,
St. Andrew’s College, Sydney, Australia

CANADA
"It has been my privilege to know Dr. Robertson since he was Assistant to Dr. John A. Broadus. Professor Robertson has worthily maintained the Broadus tradition. His monumental Grammar would seem to be sufficient output for one short life. That alone entitles him to a foremost place in the ranks of N. T. scholars. In several respects it represents distinct advances over all previous works and is not likely soon to be superseded. If I may I should like to add my conviction that an important factor in making possible this great career has been the gracious and inspiring influence of his charming and brilliant wife.”
PROF. J. H. FARMER, B.A., LL.D.,
Dean in Theology
McMaster University, Toronto, Canada

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
"Dr. Robertson’s contribution to the grammatical understanding of the New Testament is noteworthy, not merely because of the monumental work in which he has laid it before N. T. scholars, but rather because of the magnificent way in which, on the background of Classical Greek, he has made N. T. Greek stand out as a vital part of the living Greek of its day.”
MELANCTHON W. JACOBUS, D.D.
Hosmer Professor of N. T. Criticism and Exegesis,
Hartford Theological Seminary

"Students of the Greek N. T. everywhere are debtors to Professor Robertson. His patient labour in the compilation of philological material, in his larger Grammar of N. T. Greek is his most enduring monument.”
PROF. BENJ. W. BACON, D.Litt., LL.D.,
Yale University

"Professor Robertson has placed all serious students of the N. T. in Greek under lasting obligations by assembling and organising the results of modern philological study and archaeological materials in a N. T. Grammar, which for its comprehensive scope and modern point of view may fairly be called unrivalled.”
EDGAR J. GOODSPEED, Ph.D., D.D.,
Professor of Biblical and Patristic Greek,
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“It has been my great pleasure to know Professor Robertson personally. I recall the real delight with which I went through his *Grammar*. Biblical students are grateful for his genial personality, his persevering scholarship. He is to be congratulated on his ministry to the unlearned and the learned.”

D. A. Hayes, Ph.D., LL.D.,
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“Professor Robertson is a man of marvellous capacity for hard work, and a genius in the realm of N. T. Greek. His great Grammar cost him twenty-five years of the hardest kind of labor. Nothing but indomitable energy and consecration to the task inspired by the great vision could have led to this result.”

E. Y. Mullins, LL.D.,
President Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville,
President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and President of the Baptist World Alliance.

“As Dr. Robertson’s assistant I joyfully accept the opportunity to record my appreciation of and gratitude to him, my teacher, the incomparable master of the Greek New Testament, peerless teacher of the English New Testament, and inimitable and popular lecturer at Bible conferences. The value of his labours to the scholarship of the world is inestimable.”

W. Hersey Davis, M.A., Th.M., Th.D.,
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'Biographical Note

Archibald Thomas Robertson was born sixth of November, 1863, near Chatham, Virginia, the son of Dr. John and Ella Martin Robertson. Graduated at Wake Forest College, N. C., June 1885, with degree of M.A. Entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and graduated in 1888 with degree of Full Graduate [now Th.M.]. Received the degree of D.D. in 1894 from Wake Forest College and that of LL.D. in 1911 from Georgetown College, Kentucky. In 1919 Wake Forest College conferred the degree of Litt.D. He began his career as a teacher as Assistant Instructor in New Testament and Homiletics in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1888. Elected Assistant Professor of New Testament Interpretation in 1890; Professor of Biblical Introduction, 1892; and Professor of New Testament Interpretation in 1895. Married Ella Thomas Broadus, youngest daughter of John A. and Charlotte E. Broadus, twenty-seventh November, 1894. Five children. Business manager of The Review and Expositor since 1904. Member of the American Philological Association. Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, Sons of the American Revolution, the Quindecim Club. Spent the year 1905, in research in N. T. Greek, chiefly in the Bodleian Library, Oxford and the British Museum. In May, 1923, he completed his thirty-fifth year as a teacher. He has taught in his classes over five thousand ministers and nearly a thousand women (missionaries and others).

A Bibliography of the Writings of Professor A. T. Robertson

PREACHING AND SCHOLARSHIP. Inaugural Address as Assistant Professor of New Testament Interpretation. 1890. Out of print. Louisville.

CRITICAL NOTES FOR BRODAUS'S HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS. Pages 232 to 264. New York. 1893. A dozen editions. This collaboration with Dr. John A. Broadus was the first piece of scholarly literary work undertaken.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK SYLLABUS. 1900. Louisville. Pages 97. Out of print. This skeleton foreshadowed the SHORT GRAMMAR and the HISTORICAL GRAMMAR on which Prof. Robertson was already at work.


Professor Robertson is also a frequent contributor to many of the leading theological magazines, American and Foreign, among which may be noted:

- The Expositor, London
- The Contemporary Review, London
- The Expository Times, Edinburgh
- The Homiletic Review, New York and London
- The Biblical Review, New York
- The Expositor, Cleveland
- The Review and Expositor, Louisville
- The Methodist Review, Nashville.

Has also contributed articles to:

- Hastings' Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Apostolic Age
- Orr's International Standard Bible Encyclopedia
- The Crass Reference Bible
- The System Bible Study