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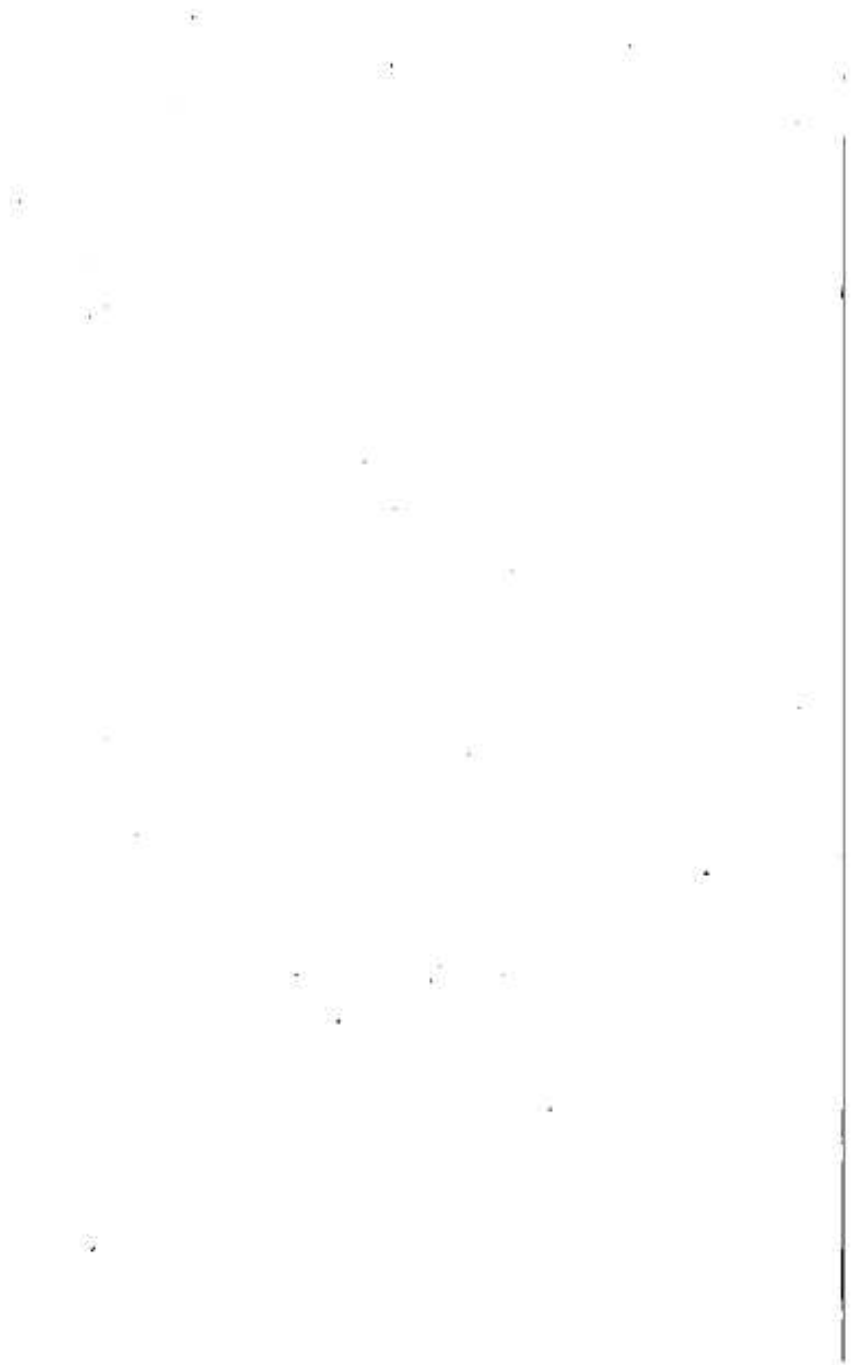


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P R E F A C E .

THE following pages were designed in the first instance to assist Pupil-Teachers in acquiring a knowledge of the Book of Common Prayer, and consequently contain notes on those portions of it only which usually form the subjects of their Examinations. As these notes, however, may be found useful by other students, a title which might otherwise seem ambitious has been prefixed, lest the help of the little Manual should seem to be limited to one class of readers only.

An account of the sources and history of each portion under notice, and of any alterations which it has undergone, is followed by a brief exposition, and that by an explanation of words and phrases.

The facts connected with the history of the Prayer-Book have been so frequently set forth that any originality in presenting them is well nigh impossible. The shape of the vessels may differ, but the contents, drawn from the same wells, must be alike in all. Still it is hoped that the reader will learn from the notes following that the Use of the Church of England has a history of its own, that it is neither a mere revision of Roman Offices, nor a thing of yesterday, but is constructed out of materials supplied by both East and West, and is a treasury which contains "things both new and old."

The illustration of the Teaching of the Prayer-Book has been attempted chiefly by placing the language of its various portions, whether of the Offices, the Catechism, or the Articles, side by side. References to Holy Scripture have been given, not so much to prove a statement by the quotation of a "text" as to lead the student to still further search the Scriptures upon the matter brought before him.

It has been unavoidably necessary to introduce into these pages the names of persons, places, and occurrences of which it may be said that they will be "names" to the reader, and nothing more. The same objection might be raised against any Manual dealing with any subject which has an historical side. Whether the "names" remain only such depends in a great measure upon the student. This little book, however, will not have failed in its object if it enables its readers not only to acquire a certain amount of information, but to "pray with the understanding."

G. W. W.

BICKERSTAFFE,
June, 1879.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE Second Edition of this little Manual differs from the preceding one by occasionally supplying fuller details, by the removal of a few ambiguities occasioned by too great brevity of expression, by the insertion of some further account of certain of the sources of our Book of Common Prayer, and by containing comments on portions of the Prayer-Book previously unnoticed. An intelligent knowledge of the Prayer-Book must rest in a great degree upon an acquaintance with the history of its contents. One object of this Manual is to set forth the historical facts connected with it with clearness and impartiality; another, to show that it "doth not contain in it anything contrary to the Word of God," and that we in the Church of England have, to use the words of Bishop Jewel, "come as near as we possibly could to the Church of the Apostles, and of the old Catholic bishops and fathers, and have directed according to their customs and ordinances not only our doctrine, but also the Sacraments and the Form of Common Prayer."

All typographical devices tending to form anything like a *Memoria Technica* have been purposely eschewed both in the former and in this Edition, as it is hoped that the following pages may be found useful to those patient and painstaking students who well know that information hastily obtained differs widely from knowledge which is to be of permanent value.

G. W. W.

BICKENSTAPPE,

September, 1897.

