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PREFACE

AFTER his retirement from the parish of S. George, in which the last twenty-three years of his ministry were spent, it was Canon Scott's wish to place in the hands of the Church workers there a book which would embody some of the distinctive features of his teaching. Failing health, however, compelled him so far to modify this plan as to adopt as a basis some lectures he had previously delivered to Sunday-school teachers; and these lectures, carefully reconsidered and in great part rewritten, form the present volume.

The book has been deprived of the advantage of final revision at the hands of its Author, who passed away while it was in the printer's hands, and before he had even seen the first proofs; but it is to his friends a matter for deep satisfaction that the work had proceeded far enough to make publication easy. The care with which his manuscript was written facilitated this; and consultation among the members of his family, and those

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of his friends who had discussed portions of the argument with Canon Scott, has enabled two of his former Curates to revise the proofs in such a way as to afford good reason for trusting that the book is now as he would have left it.

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To the Sunday-school Teachers and Church-workers in the Parish of St. George, Dublin, these Lectures are offered in grateful remembrance of friendship and help during the twenty-three years of the Author's ministry among them. T. L. S.

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LECTURE I

SYSTEMATIC TEACHING

FELLOW-WORKERS in the Church of Ireland, I have accepted the invitation to give four lectures upon our Church Formularies to you, who are teaching in our Church Sunday-schools and preparing for an examination. And my first lecture will be a statement of my object and my plan.

I hope that what I have to say may give you some help in your preparation for the examination. But as I shall have only four opportunities of addressing you, an attempt to cram you with dates and facts connected with the history of the Prayerbook that contains these formularies would be as meagre as it would be dry. It would only accomplish very imperfectly what books already published will do far better.

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