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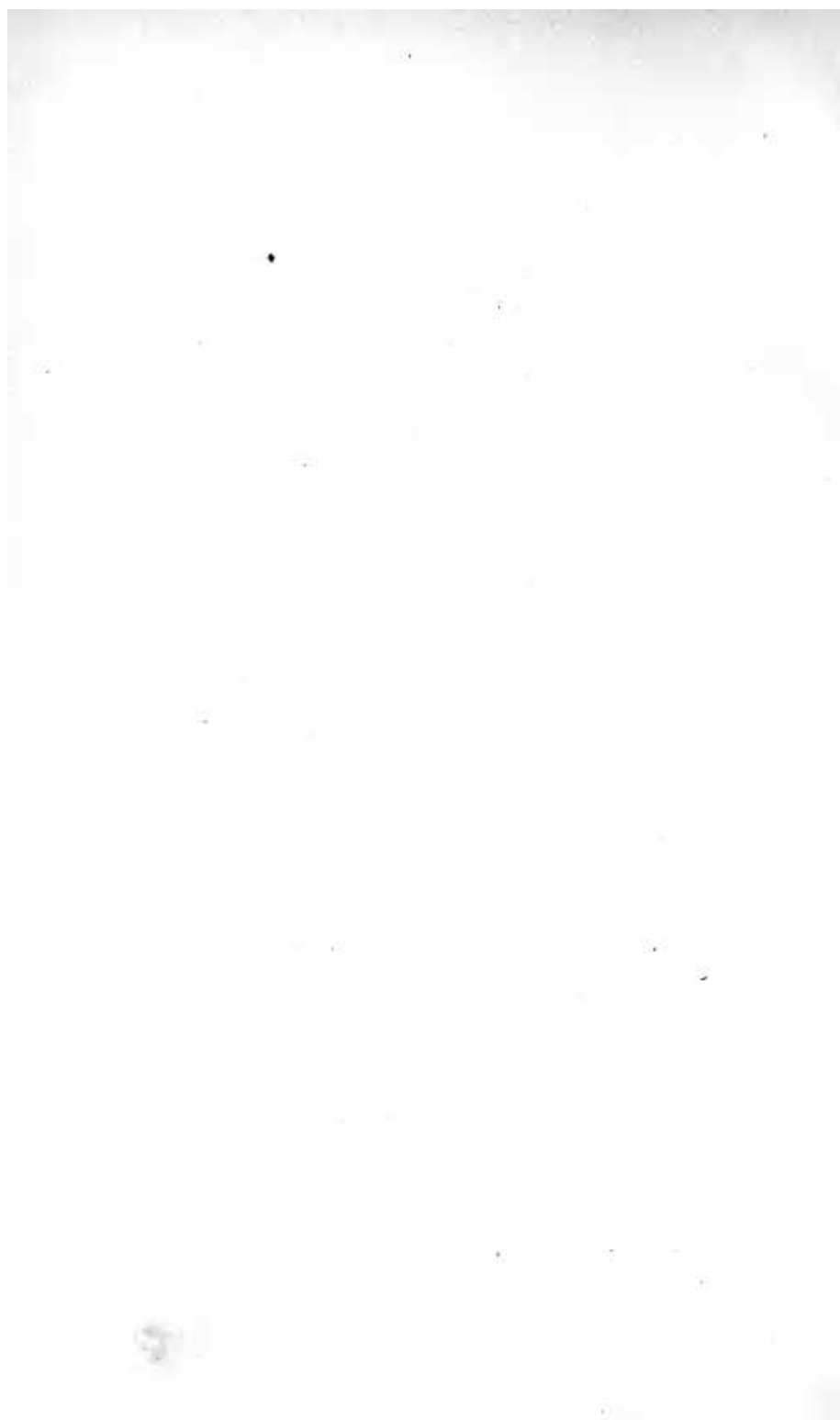
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PREFACE

THE volume to which these pages are a preface contains such pieces of my published work down to the end of the year 1894 as it seemed possible and desirable to gather together into a single whole. It is an instalment of a series to which on my fiftieth birthday I resolved to devote myself. *Tempus collectum est*; my literary workshop was piled up with a number of undertakings in a more or less advanced stage of development, and it seemed an imperative duty to finish some of them off and clear them out of the way before anything further could legitimately be planned. It is easier to make such a resolution than to keep it to the letter; but in the result some half-dozen of these older ventures are now either in port or in sight of it. The first to arrive was a chapter on the Organization of the Church contributed to the *Cambridge Medieval History*. Next after that the present volume has been pushed forward, because I hold strongly that every scholar ought, at some time during his maturer life, to search and sift his own *iuvenilia*, and, if he determines that any parts of them are worth preserving, then to make the selection himself and himself to be responsible for the more permanent form which they are to take. Posthumous publication or republication of early writings is neither fair to the writer nor to his friends nor to the public.

To the then editor of the *Guardian* (and a kindlier editor than Mr. D. C. Lathbury no young author ever served under) I believe that I owe the privilege of a first appearance in print; but reviews are seldom worth republishing, and from my own reviews in the *Guardian* the only salvage I should wish to secure are some suggestions which may perhaps one day find a place in a collection of 'Adversaria' on the textual criticism of the early Christian documents. All the papers that are here reprinted appeared originally in the *Church*