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THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THE following Pages have been composed for the use of the younger members of the Church of England, in the hope that in these latter days, when there is so general a revival of the doctrine and practice of the primitive and Apostolic Church, they may serve to illustrate the wisdom and beauty of our Book of Common Prayer.

The Book of Common Prayer as it is now in use in the Church of England, was first drawn up in 1549, in the reign of King Edward the Sixth; and was finally established in its present form, in 1662, after the Restoration of King Charles the Second.

In the various revisions which were made during that interval by the most learned and eminent Divines of the

Church, and which were finally ratified by Convocation, only such Services were retained as had been originally instituted by the early Christian Church¹; amongst which were the Festivals that commemorate those holy Apostles and Martyrs who were chosen by our Blessed Lord Himself, or who had been especially designated by the Holy Ghost to bear a part in His sufferings, and to become witnesses of His Word: to the end that the Church being "built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone," might be "fitly framed together," and grow "unto an holy temple in the Lord," and an "habitation of God through the Spirit²."

We have the assurance of Christ Himself, that "if we know these things, happy are we if we do them³." That the rising generation of English Churchmen may

¹ See "Palmer's Antiquities of the English Ritual."

² Eph. ii. 20-22.

³ John xiii. 17.

both learn to know them, and strive to do them; and that in so doing they may obtain the promised blessing of Christ whilst members of His Church militant on earth, and finally become one with the Communion of Saints in Heaven, is the earnest hope, and fervent prayer of

THE AUTHOR.

NOTE.—The four "State Services," as they are usually called, namely, those appointed to commemorate the Gunpowder Treason; the Martyrdom of King Charles the First; the Restoration of the Royal Family; and the Accession of the reigning Sovereign; were *not* amongst the Services contained in the Book of Common Prayer, when it was revised, and ratified by Convocation, and finally established in 1662 by consent of the Church.

These four State Services were established separately, and ordered to be kept by Act of Parliament only⁴; and the three which are first named, have already been repealed in the same manner as they were established, by a recent Act of Parliament of 1859.

⁴ See "Occasional Sermons," by Chr. Wordsworth, D.D., Canon of Westminster. Sermon VIII., p. 145, "On the Authority and Uses of Church Synods."

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