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## PREFACE.

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AFTER the Benediction of the Nave of Truro Cathedral, on St. Swithun's Day, July 15th, 1903, and the Octave of Services by which it was followed, a desire was expressed in many quarters, as on the occasion of the Consecration of the Cathedral in 1887, for the publication, in a permanent form, of the services then used and the sermons preached. Unexpected circumstances—chief among which was the decease of Canon Donaldson, to whom the Cathedral and the organization of its services owed so much—have unavoidably delayed the issue of this volume. But, through the kindness of the preachers, who have revised the reports of their sermons, the book is, at last, completed, and an account of the Benediction of the Victoria (Central) Tower and Spire, with the Bishop of Exeter's sermon delivered at that service, has been added, together with Notes of the Addresses at the 'Quiet Day' (July 3rd, 1903) by the Very Rev. F. E. Carter, Dean of Grahamstown. It is hoped that in addition to its own special interest for those who, in the Duchy or elsewhere, have shared in the building and the worship of the Cornish Cathedral, the volume may be useful both at home and abroad to some who are now engaged in founding and organizing the new Cathedral Foundations, or in the constant development of the old.

The Dean and Chapter of Truro, under whose sanction this volume has been prepared, would take the opportunity here offered of thanking the Bishops and Clergy who, with such ready kindness, gave in their sermons counsel and encouragement of the highest value. They have also

to acknowledge the services rendered by the reporters of the "Guardian" and of the local Press, and the printers of this volume, and the assistance given by the Rev. H. R. Jennings, Vicar of Millbrook, in the revision of some of the proofs.

The publication of the companion series of sermons preached at the Consecration, copies of which are still on sale, did much to fix the sense of responsibility for the gift which, in the Cathedral, God has bestowed. In his sermon preached on Thursday, November 3rd, 1887, at the consecration of the Cathedral, our Founder, of whose life and work the Nave is the memorial, charged us in the ringing words of "the cry of Cyprian to the Church of Carthage";—"Rise to your birthright"—"your English, Catholic, Apostolic, Christ-given birthright"—to "help, comfort, strengthen, revive, found." And it is hoped that with the Divine blessing the issue, in printed form, of the words since spoken, in connexion with the large extension of the material fabric, will carry, one stage higher, the building of that House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, of which the earthly temple is but the symbol here below.

TRURO,

*Octave of All Saints, 1904.*