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NOTE BY PRINCIPAL TULLOCH.

THE compiler has mentioned in his Preface that I suggested to him the idea of the present volume. I have also read a considerable portion of it in the course of its preparation, and made some definite suggestions as to its contents and method of arrangement. The volume will be found, I believe, to contain a useful and handy digest of our Church Law, convenient for reference, and especially for hints as to comparison between the present and past legislation of the Church. A law is best understood, like everything else, in connection with its growth and history; and the "historical summary" which the writer has appended to the existing Law of the Church should help members of Church Courts to trace the progress of legislation on the subject—although it is not to be expected in such

a manual that any "summary" of the kind should be exhaustive. The manual has been prepared with conscientious care; and while I have no right to vouch for its accuracy in all particulars, I can cordially commend it.

J. T.

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PREFACE

THE admirable little volume by Dr Hill, which for many years formed so safe a guide in the law and practice of the Church of Scotland, has now, to a large extent, been rendered of little use by changes in legislation since the date of its publication.

The object of Dr Cook's useful and well-known work is mainly to provide trustworthy styles of the various writs in use in Church Courts.

In the absence of any brief treatise on the constitution and law of the Church, as now existing, the idea of the present volume was kindly indicated to the writer by Principal Tulloch, who has also, in the course of its preparation, furnished many valuable suggestions, and revised the greater portion of it.

The Writer hopes that a Manual of the Constitution and Law of the Church of Scotland may be acceptable to many. He has studied accuracy as

well as brevity of statement; and, according to a suggestion made to him—but which, he is afraid, he has imperfectly carried out—he has endeavoured to give, not only a clear statement of the present law, but a brief historical summary of the past legislation and practice of the Church, on what appeared to him to be points of interest and importance.

With a view to clearness and utility, he has, in some instances, summarised details—such as in the Standing Orders of the Church; but these Orders, as revised by a Committee, and adopted by the Assembly in the present year, are given in full in an Appendix.

EDINBURGH, *November 1834.*

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