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PREFACE TO VOLUME III.

IN this volume we resume the study of the development of political theory in its immediate relation to the historical events and conditions of the Middle Ages at the point where we left it in the first volume. I venture to hope that historical scholars will agree that it has proved to be of real service to deal with the political ideas inherent in feudalism in close relation to this development.

I should wish to express once again my obligations to the admirable work of Mr R. L. Poole, the most learned of English students of the Middle Ages, who more than thirty years ago, in his 'Illustrations of Mediaeval Thought,' pointed out the great significance of the position of Manegold and John of Salisbury in the development of mediaeval political theory. The detailed study of the political literature of their times has only served to bring out more clearly the justice and insight of his recognition of their place and importance.

As this work advances I become more and more conscious of the difficulty of handling such large and diverse materials, and I am therefore very grateful to those scholars who have been so kind as to help me with their technical knowledge of particular aspects of the literature; and I wish therefore