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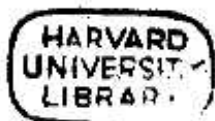
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Editor's Preface.

THIS little Treatise was begun in the Spring of the year 1866, immediately after "The Law of Ritualism" was finished; but was not completed until the beginning of the year 1867. It never received the last corrections of the Author, who intended, before publishing his own conclusions, to include a careful analysis of what has been said both by Dr. Dollinger and Archdeacon Wordsworth on the subject. But though not quite so full a discussion as he might have made it, had his life been spared, it will still be received kindly by his many friends. It will be found useful in aiding Churchmen to carry on our inevitable controversy with Rome with less of that abusive rancor, so dear to some Protestants -- a rancor couched in Scripture phrases, which must first be perverted from their true meaning, before they can be prostituted for the maintenance of a bitterness unworthy of Christians.

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