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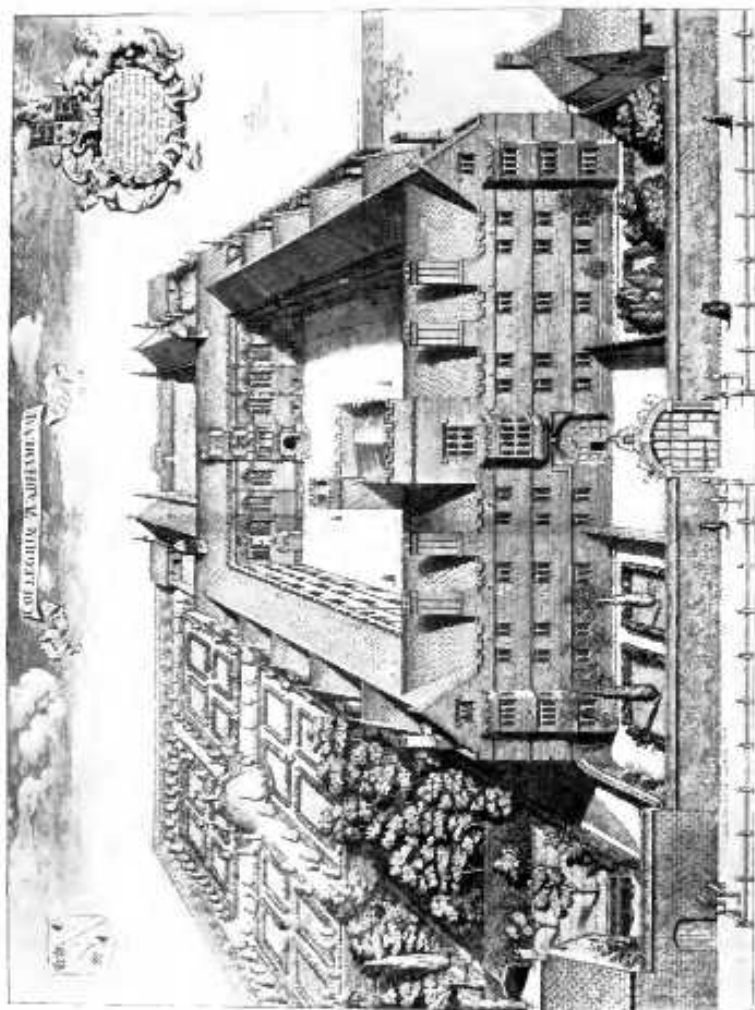
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PREFACE

It ought to be more easy to write a short history of Wadham than of any other college in Oxford; for in the case of no other are the already existing books so complete and so good. Mr. Jackson's fine quarto ("Wadham College," Clarendon Press, 1893), with its elaborate illustrations, is admirable on all points that concern the fabric, besides containing much other valuable and interesting matter; and in Mr. R. B. Gardiner's "Register of Wadham College" (George Bell and Sons, vol. i. 1889, vol. ii. 1895), the names of all who have been connected with Wadham in any way, are given with a fulness which no other college can yet equal. Both these books, and especially Mr. Gardiner's volumes, have been used constantly, and I wish at once to express my great obligations to them; it would indeed be a pleasure if my small book induced any Wadham man to become familiar with these larger books. Apart from these works, and the regular Oxford authorities, Wood, Hearne, &c., the "Dictionary of National Biography" has been found especially useful.

Except in Chapter V. I have used but little material that has not appeared in print before; my object in writing has not been to publish unprinted documents, but to render easily accessible the material which has been collected by others. If I have succeeded in making the history of Wadham interesting to Wadham men, and in

telling them the story of the pictures and the stones that they see every day, I am well satisfied.

Since this book aims at being popular, a large number of biographical details have been introduced; in doing this it has seemed unnecessary to dwell on the lives of really great men like Blake or Wren; they belong to English history rather than to the story of their college. Much more space has been devoted to the men who in their day played a great part in Oxford, or to those who once were well known, though forgotten now.

The buildings of Wadham have changed so little that it has seemed better to show them as they are rather than to reproduce old views; the Loggan plate is of course a necessary exception.

I am especially grateful to Mr. Gardiner for his kindness in reading through my book when in type-written sheets; he saved me from several mistakes, and made many valuable suggestions.

WADHAM COLLEGE, OXFORD,
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