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PREFACE.

THE object of this little work is to describe the remains of St John's Hospital, which were removed to make way for the New Chapel of St John's College, and to point out the alterations which they had undergone to accommodate them to the use of the Hospital and College at various periods of their long history. The alterations became apparent during the removal of the old buildings, before which time many of them were quite forgotten. What was then observed has rendered it possible to restore in description the Chapel and Infirmary nearly to the state in which they were when occupied by the Hospital; and also when altered for the use of the College; and other more recent changes.

Many drawings, photographs and measurements were taken before and during the progress of the demolition, and from these the Plates which accompany this Essay have been prepared. A few of these illustrations have already appeared in the "Communications" of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society and the "Eagle;" some have been reduced from photographs taken by the late Mr. Nichols and printed by the Autotype process; and the remainder are lithographs.

Copies of the inscriptions on the tombs in the old Chapel are appended, and also a catalogue of the slabs, nearly all of which were removed from the old and placed in the new Chapel. As these latter are not so liable to injury as those now exposed to the weather on the site of the old building, it has not been considered necessary or desirable to do more than give a list of them.

The last chapter is devoted to a short account of the new Chapel. For most of the information there given, I am indebted to the Rev. H. Russell, B.D., Fellow of the College.

I am also much indebted to the Master and Fellows for their liberality in bearing all the expense of the letter-press and illustrations.

CAMBRIDGE, May 6, 1874.

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