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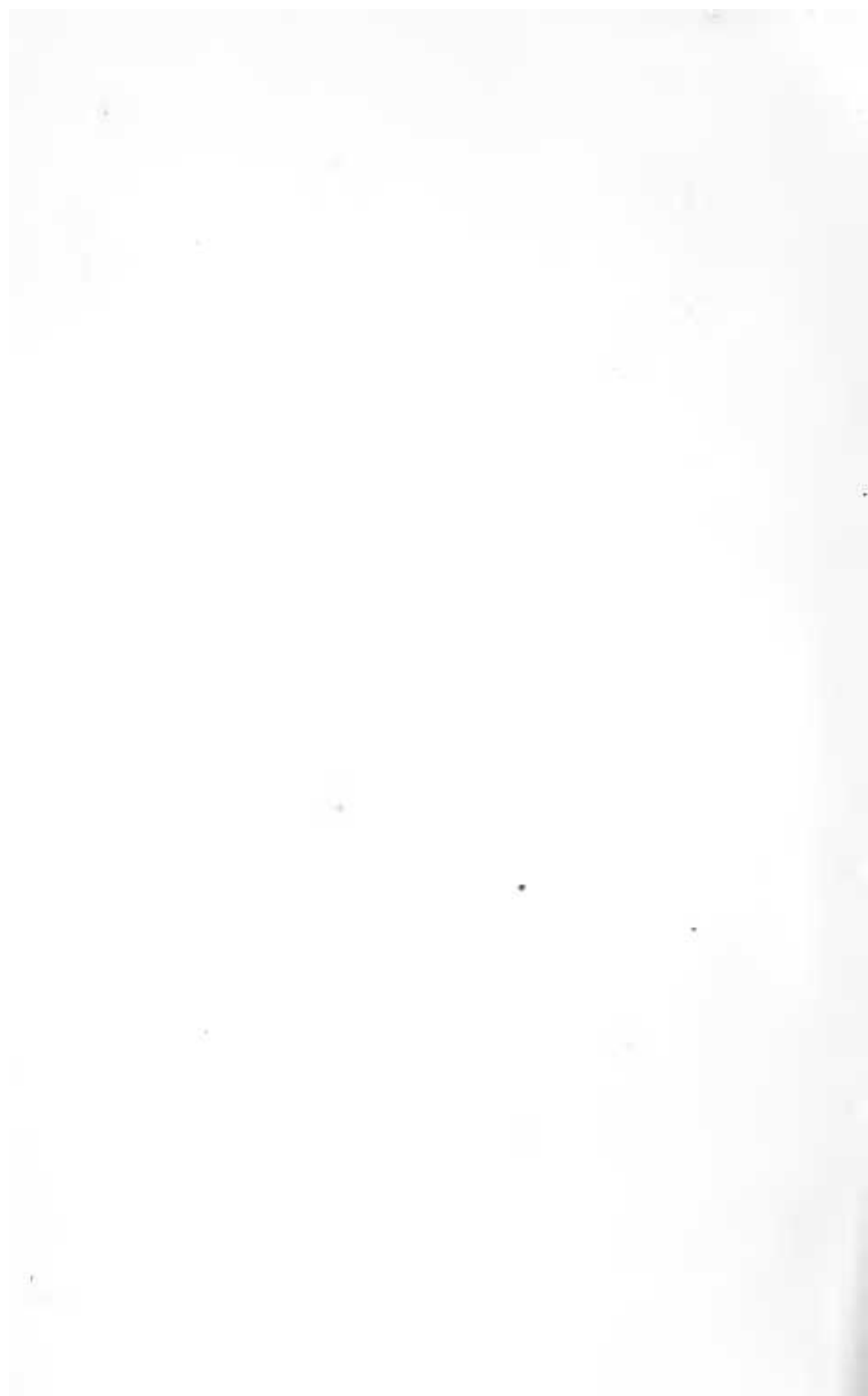
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PREFACE.

THE favour so kindly shewn by the Public to the Author's "Brief Notes on the Church of Scotland" has emboldened him to lay before the same indulgent tribunal the following Treatise on the *Object, Importance, and Antiquity of the Rite of Consecration of Churches*. He trusts that the present volume will not fall short of its predecessor in the peculiar advantage of combining diligence in making research with strict accuracy in giving quotations. In short, he hopes that it will fulfil the promise held out in the title-page. In regard to different classes of readers, he ventures to think that it may not prove without its use. Not that he presumes to offer any fresh information to those who are already well conversant with this subject, and whom he begs favourably to receive this work, only as a small token of his earnest desire to promote a feeling among us of increasing reverence towards "the House of Prayer." His desire rather is, to call