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IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF
THEIR KINDNESS AND CONFIDENCE
CONTINUED THROUGH NINETEEN YEARS
(1884-1903)
THE AUTHOR INSCRIBES
THIS VOLUME
WITH THE UTMOST AFFECTION.

Preface

SOME years ago I formed the design of writing a history of the "Savoy Conference," and, by way of preparing myself for my task, I directed my reading to the literature of the seventeenth century. In the summer of 1900 I printed for private circulation two lectures, the one on "The religious situation under Elizabeth," the other on "The Hampton Court Conference," and these lectures were republished last year, together with other essays, in a volume entitled *Cross-bench Views of Current Church Questions*. When, in the course of my duty, I had to arrange for a fresh series of S. Margaret's Lectures, many persons expressed to me their desire that I should take the opportunity of continuing my discussion of English religion in the seventeenth century. That will, perhaps, suffice to explain the subject of the lectures for 1903, and the fact that I myself was the lecturer. In adopting the title "studies," I could not escape from the limitations implied in