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PREFACE

I AM inclined to think that the greatest service, among many great services, that Bishop Christopher Wordsworth rendered to the Church, is that part of his life and work which relates to the existence of National or State Churches, associated, as it was, with his labour with, and for, France and Italy. The known learning, and what appeared to some, perhaps, the exaggerated orthodoxy of the Bishop, disposes, at once, of the notion that there is anything in the idea of a National or State Church such as has always existed in the Church of England, allied to the heresy called Erastianism. The history of the Gallican Church, destroyed by Roman