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PREFACE

THESE ten lectures are offered to the younger clergy as a suggestion in their preparation of persons for confirmation. An outline is prefixed to each chapter as a statement and sequence of the topics which they will expound in their own way. At the end of the series of instructions the book may be given to those who are confirmed, as a reminder of what they have been taught.

The necessary brevity of titles gives to the book an apparent claim to authority which is in no wise intended. Nobody may speak for the Episcopal Church. One of its characteristics is its hospitable inclusion of very different people. Whoever uses this book aright will bring to it his own personality and experience, and the actual needs of his own congregation, and will differ from it, here in interpretation, and there in emphasis. At the same time, these pages have not been written—at least, in intention—from the point of view of any particu-

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lar kind of churchmanship. The constant purpose has been to set forth, without partisanship and without prejudice, "a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us."

The annual visitation of the bishop gives the pastor an opportunity for systematic instruction. In the teaching of his catechumens he will deal with many matters which are not essential to their confirmation, but for which this is a convenient season. He will present in rapid survey a field of truth whose details he is continually considering at length in his sermons. He will teach "the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health." These are the subjects which are considered in this book.

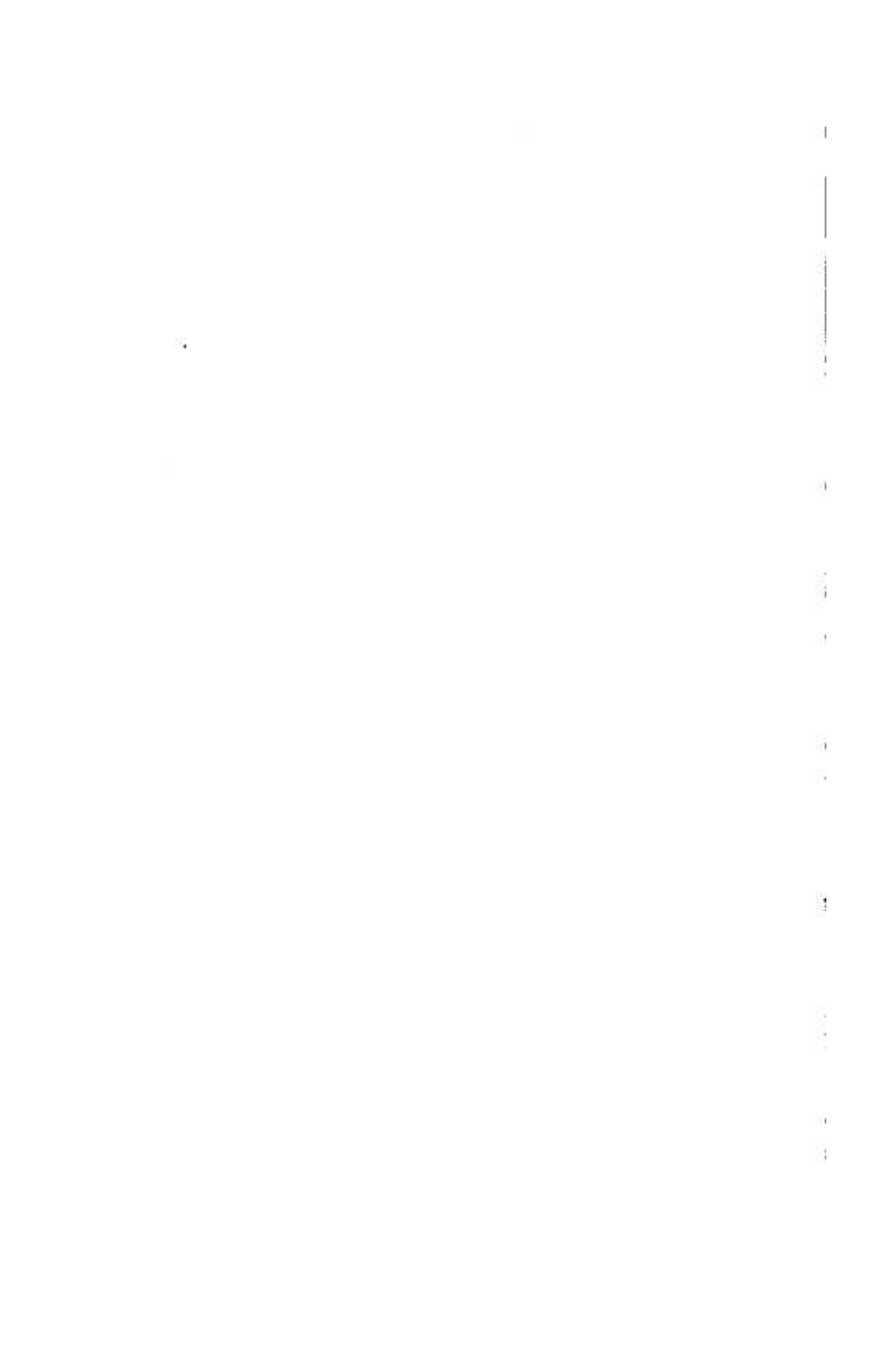
In the presentation of these matters I have had the benefit of the counsel and criticism of my friend and colleague, Professor Edward S. Drown.

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