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PREFACE.

IN the following pages, where it has been necessary to touch at all upon historical topics, I have endeavoured to confine myself to what is generally admitted, rather than to follow the lead of any controversial writer. In Reeves' History of English Law, and in the constitutional histories of Mr. Hallam and Mr. Stubbs will be found, related or referred to, ample matter it is believed to support general statements of an historical character contained in this work.

As regards Ecclesiastical Law, Parish Law, and the more purely legal aspects of the subject included under 'State and Church,' I have had to examine the works of many legal writers. To Sir R. Phillimore's recent work on Ecclesiastical Law are referred those readers who wish to study in detail this branch of the subject.

As regards Scottish history I have in the main relied upon Burton's 'History of Scotland.'

The existing position and circumstances of the Established Churches of Great Britain, favourite subjects with controversial writers, it is not easy to find impartially

dealt with outside the contents of Blue-books and Parliamentary returns. It is not the object of this work to accumulate full and precisely accurate statistics, and I have merely made use of such information as I think can be relied on to present a general picture of the two great religious institutions of the country sanctioned and supported by the State.

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