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CONVINCED of the prevalence and injurious effects of ignorance concerning "the times that have passed over" the church of God, the Author of the following Work delivered a Lecture on Ecclesiastical History, which, though rapid, and consequently incomplete, excited so much interest as to call forth a general request to see it in a more permanent form. Another Lecture having followed, on the Prospects of the Church, as unfolded by the signs of the times, and the promises made to religion in the volume of Revelation, a similar request was made for its publication. A third, on the scheme of prophecy, and the outline of the book of Revelation, was suggested by the wild theories that are now obtruded on the church and the world. This has been deemed a fit companion to the other two.

The author is well aware that such an account of the origin of the Work would not justify its

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publication, if the book itself were not adapted to convey useful information, or devotional improvement. But, as he is not acquainted with any single volume which gives this comprehensive view of the whole fortunes of our globe, he deemed it right to gratify the wishes of those who asked to see the Lectures in print. Should this hasty sketch awaken the desire of Christians, and especially the young, for the perusal of more complete histories, and for more perfect information concerning "the ways of God to man," and should it call off students of Scripture from the delusive and pernicious expectations in which many are now indulging, the Author will feel himself much indebted to the friends whose favourable opinion led to the publication, and still more to the God who prompts to the conception, and aids in the execution, of every good work.

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