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PREFACE

THE fact that the British West Indies include eight groups of Colonies, which are politically quite separate, and have come into the empire at different times and in various ways, made it worth considering whether the plan of this book should not be to give a separate account of each Colony or group. But behind their differences there are certain common features which give them a partial unity, and after deliberation it seemed better to make this a history of the Church in the islands as a whole, with glimpses from time to time at the individual Colonies.

The primacy of Jamaica has necessarily given to that Colony the most frequent mention, but it is as typical to some extent of them all that it has been taken.

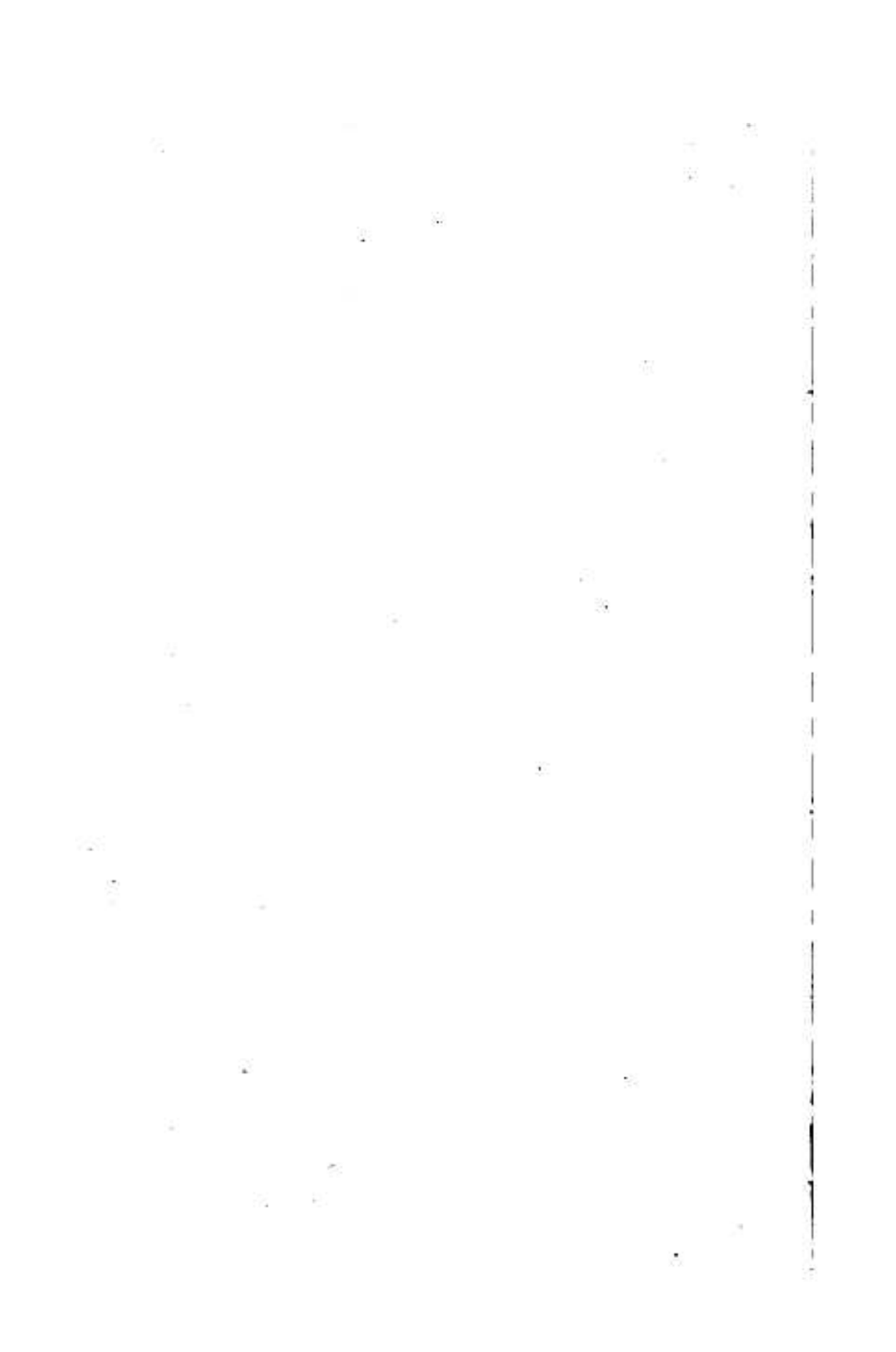
I have endeavoured to show the connection of the stream of Church history here with the general history of the Church of England on the one hand, and with the social life of the Colonies on the other.

Of materials for history there was abundance: able men have written histories of many of these Colonies; and for recent years journals and reports of Synods and other Church literature have been available. My thanks are due to the secretaries of many Societies, both Church and Nonconformist; and the libraries of the Church House and the Royal Colonial Institute have been invaluable.

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IN the shaping of the destiny of the beautiful islands of the Caribbean Sea, Britain cannot claim the first place, either in order of time or in extent of influence. Her territories there have been less extensive than those of either Spain or France. The Spaniards secured the magnificent island of Cuba, itself containing more acres than the whole of the rest of the Archipelago; a share of the second island, Hispaniola (San Domingo), the whole of the third, Porto Rico, and the fifth, Trinidad. The French had the remainder of Hispaniola (Hayti), and several of the choicest of the smaller ones, Martinique, Guadeloupe,