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P R E F A C E.

SEVERAL years ago I promised the publishers of this Volume to prepare for them a Manual of the History of the English Church between 1688 and 1830. Other duties arose and claimed all my time, and I found myself unable to perform my promise. But for two or three years I was in great hope that the work would be done, in my stead, by a member of the University who would, I am sure, have provided an excellent handbook on this subject. He however was called away to other labours, and finding himself unable to make such progress with the volume as he desired at last withdrew from the work.

Soon after this disappointment, both to the publishers and myself, the following pages were offered me, and on perusing them I thought them not unsuitable to the purpose for which they were prepared. I therefore undertook to look them over as they passed through the press and to introduce them by a short preface when they were in print.

The book was written to be a handbook for those who are Candidates for the Ordinary Theological degree, for which this period of history is a fixed subject of examination. The chapters are of set purpose made very short, but the reader is everywhere referred to authorities from whence he may extend his knowledge at any point where he desires to do so. In the chapters on the literature it has been thought sufficient to point out the most important writings. The student who desires to enlarge his acquaintance with the authors named will do so more satisfactorily by perusing their books, than by merely mastering a few sentences in which an attempt should be made to sketch or summarize their contents. Moreover by the perusal of one author he will have his attention directed in the best way to the works of others.

Some alterations and modifications of the text have been made at my suggestion and thus I have become in a degree responsible for the book, which I hope may supply a want that has been a good deal felt by students preparing for the Ordinary Degree.

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