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PREFACE.

ALL the books of characters of the seventeenth century are curious, and include important illustrations of our early manners and customs ; and few, of a date after the restoration of Charles the Second, are more intrinsically valuable and interesting than the little volume now reprinted. It is, indeed, one of the few, belonging to a comparatively late period, which partakes of the character of the earlier works of the same class. The name of the author is unknown, but his initials are ascertained from the title of the copy of verses addressed by a friend "to his much esteemed friend K. W. congratulating his Characters." There can be but little doubt that he belonged to one of the universities ; and, most probably, to that of Cambridge. At least, this may be conjectured from the verses entitled,

"A Petition of Questionests to Mr. Frost for their degrees, Woodcock and Heron Procters." There was a John Frost of Cambridge, whose sermons were published in the year 1658, and who is perhaps the individual here referred to. The following list of characters in the reprint now made will be useful for reference, and indeed it is difficult to add more preface of any value to a republication of this kind, in a case where no particulars are known respecting either the author or his work,—

1. A Courtier. P. 19.
2. A Conceited Statesman. P. 23.
3. A Meere Polititian. P. 25.
4. An Upstart Pragmaticall. P. 29.
5. A Justice of Peace. P. 32.
6. A High Constable. P. 34.
7. A Juryman Rustick. P. 36.
8. A Church-Warden. P. 38.
9. A Baily or Serjeant. P. 39.
10. A Lawyer in Common. P. 42.
11. An Informer. P. 44.
12. A Flatterer. P. 48.
13. A Temporizer. P. 50.

14. A Finnicall London Citizen. P. 53.
15. A Hide-Park Lady. P. 56.
16. The Good Old Cause. P. 59.
17. The Detracting Emperick. P. 64.
18. A Colledge Butler. P. 67.
19. A University Beadle. P. 70.
20. A Covetuous Usurer. P. 72.
21. A Cambridge Minion. P. 77.
22. A Pune Pragmatick Pulpit-filler. P. 82.
23. An Old Hording Hagg. P. 86.

Amongst the more curious allusions may be mentioned those to the mouth of Alderagate ; Noll's, or Oliver Cromwell's countenance ; Joan Cromwell asking the Dutchess of Albemarle how her children's portions should be raised ; patches on lady's faces ; a coin called St. George ; Hyde Park, Spring Gardens, and Mulberry Gardens ; the drolleries of Sir Thomas Martin ; Alderman Atkins ; the eels of Cheapside ; Islington cake-house ; Bartholomew Fair ; etc.

Since noting the above, I observe an allusion proving to which university the author belonged,—“ Never, till I was at Cambridge, did I see the logician's chimæra,” etc.

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CHARACTERS
of Conceited
Coxcombs :

OR,
A Dish of Trayterous
Tyrants, dressed with Verjuice and
pickeled too posterity.

*Together with their Camp-retinue and
Fems Covert.*

By *Verax Philobasileus.*

*Integer vilæ scelerisque purus,
Non eget Mauri jaculis, nec arcu
Neo venenatis gravis sagittis,
Phusce, pharetra.*

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