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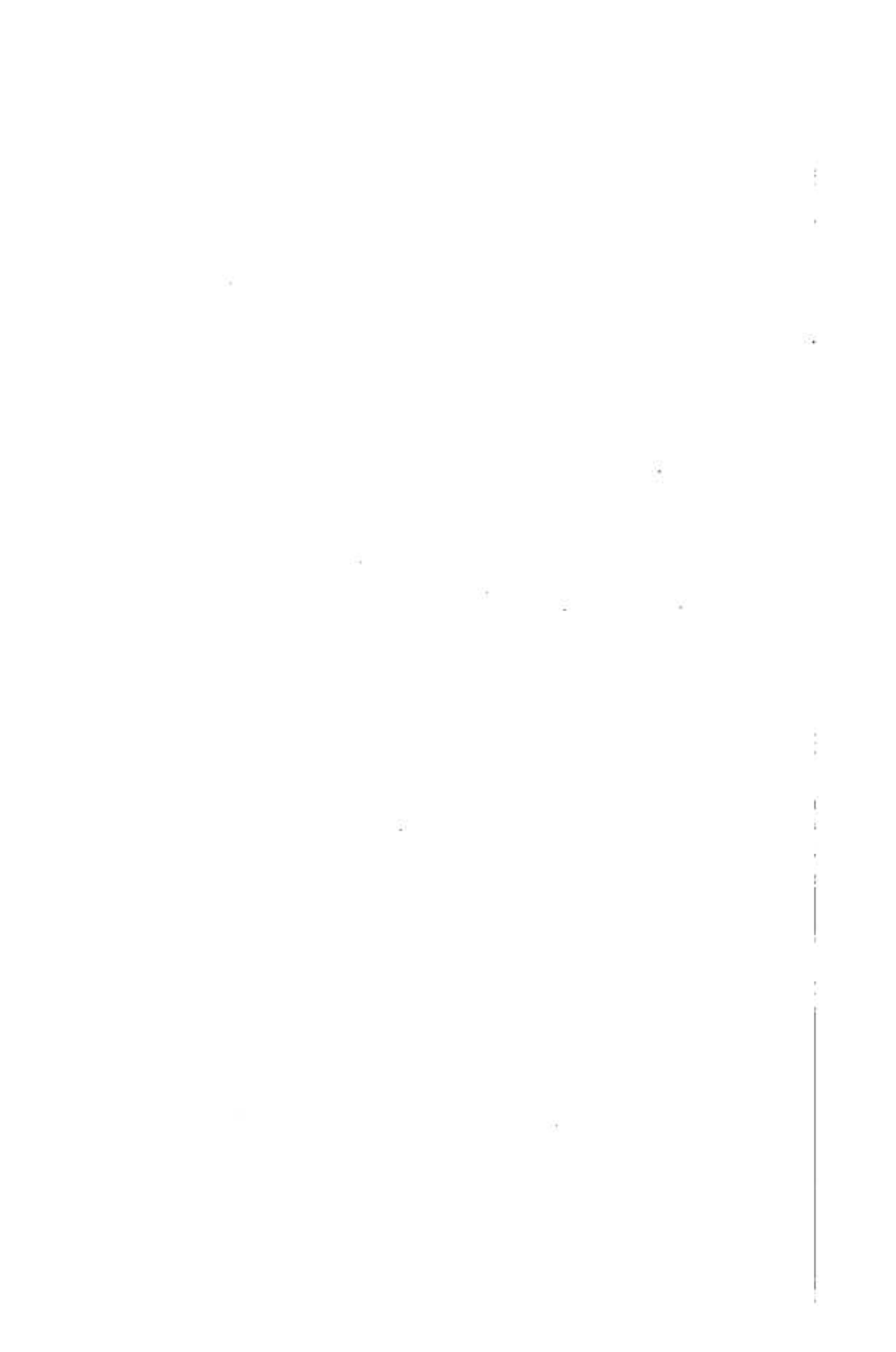
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PREFACE.

This little book we believe is the first ever written on *John Balguy*. We were compelled, therefore, to concentrate our research mostly on *Balguy's* own writings and those of his contemporaries. The Bibliography attached to the end of this paper enumerates all *Balguy's* existing writings, all that has reference to him, all that directly and some that indirectly bear upon him. It exhausts, we believe, all the sources of information concerning him.

Since this book is intended to be an account of his ethical thought, we have exclusively devoted the latter part to an exposition of his principles from this point of view, and have taken all pains to give an accurate account of his teaching.

HUGH DAVID JONES.

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PART I.

BALGUY'S BIOGRAPHY.

Birth. *John Balguy*, a moral philosopher and an eminent divine of the Church of England, was born on the 12th of August 1686 at Sheffield in Yorkshire. He received the rudiments of his education from his father, *Thomas Balguy*, of whom little is known except that he was educated at Cambridge and that afterwards he was Master, for more than thirty years, of the Free Grammar School at Sheffield. He died in the year 1696, when his son *John*, was but ten years of age. A person named *Mr. Daubiz*, succeeded *Thomas Balguy* as Master of the Free School, and the fatherless *John* was kept under his tuition for a considerable time.

Education. In 1702 *Balguy* went to St. John's college Cambridge. At first he showed no signs of being a genuine student, but occupied his time in reading novels. In the third year of his university residence, he came across *Livy*, whose works greatly influenced him and proved the means of drawing his attention to serious studies. In the year 1706 he gained the degree of B. A., and in 1726 that of M. A.

A Teacher. After completing the degree of B. A. he went as a teacher to the Free Grammar School at Sheffield, which was probably still under the supervision of *Mr. Daubiz*. He does not seem to have been long here, for in the year 1708 he became a private tutor in the family of a person named *Mr. Banks*, where he remained about two years.

Enters the Church. In the year 1710 *Balguy* was admitted by the Archbishop of York, to Deacon's orders. In 1711 he was ordained priest by the same prelate. Also, in the same year *Balguy* received the honour of being admitted to the family of a gentleman