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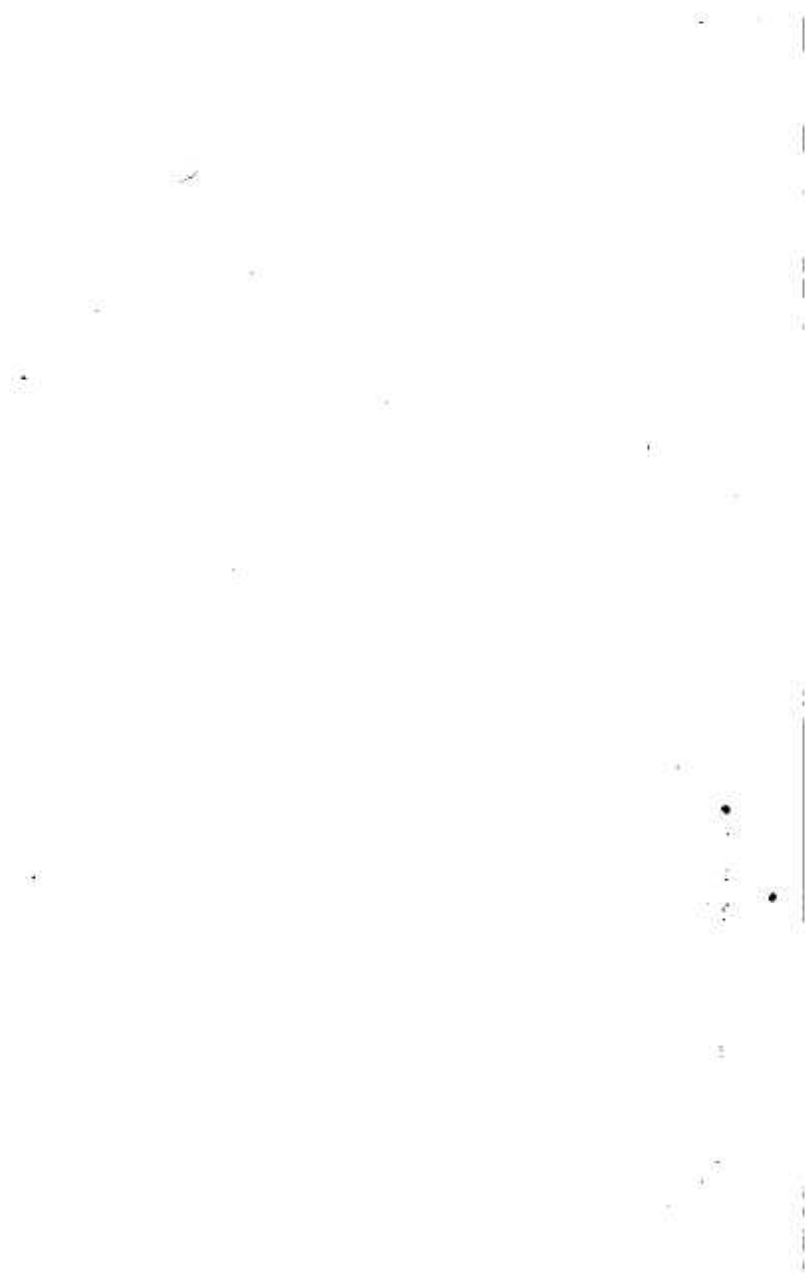
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## PREFACE.

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THE VARIATIONS proposed to be made in using the Services, are from page 6 to page 34: then follow Remarks on the same: and then Suggestions on various cognate subjects.

“What! twenty-eight pages of Variations! Why, man, your *oglio* is tougher than the old *pis*, of which our venerable Compilers complain so much in their Preface!”

Nay, candid Reader, only *just* read over these pages, and you will be satisfied that the Variations, though numerous, are easy both to Minister and People: just the thing that was wanted: many of them have occurred to you, and some of them you have doubtless actually yourself made.

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*The following should have been inserted after page 33:—*

LESSONS PROPER FOR HOLY DAYS: APOCALYPTIC SECOND LESSONS, AND CANONICAL FIRST LESSONS.

The Dean of Westminster, in the Preface to his valuable Commentary on Rev. ii. iii., after speaking of the

importance of these Epistles to the Seven Churches, and the exclusion of the *Revelation* from the Calendar, observes, "Any one who knows, or at all guesses, how small the amount of the private reading of the Scriptures among our people, and the extent, therefore, to which the stated public reading in the congregation is the source of whatever knowledge of it the great mass of our people possess, the means by which they are at all leavened by it, must deeply regret that chapters so rich in doctrine, in exhortation, in reproofs, in promises, should thus be withheld from them. Certainly if at any time a reconsideration of the portions of Scripture appointed to be read in Church should find place, the slight cast on these chapters, and in them on the Apocalypse itself, with the injury inflicted on the people by their total omission, ought not to be allowed to continue."

We are verily guilty of shunning to declare unto our people all the counsel of God—while we all but totally exclude this wonderful Book, of which the Spirit saith unto the Churches, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this Prophecy, and keep those things that are written therein." (Rev. i. 3.) "And if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this Prophecy" [we almost take away the Book itself] "God shall take away His part out of the Book of Life," etc. Let *all* its chapters then be read—as *three* already are—for proper Second Lessons on Holy Days; on which days let us also adopt the Canonical First Lessons proposed by the 1689 Commission, thus:—