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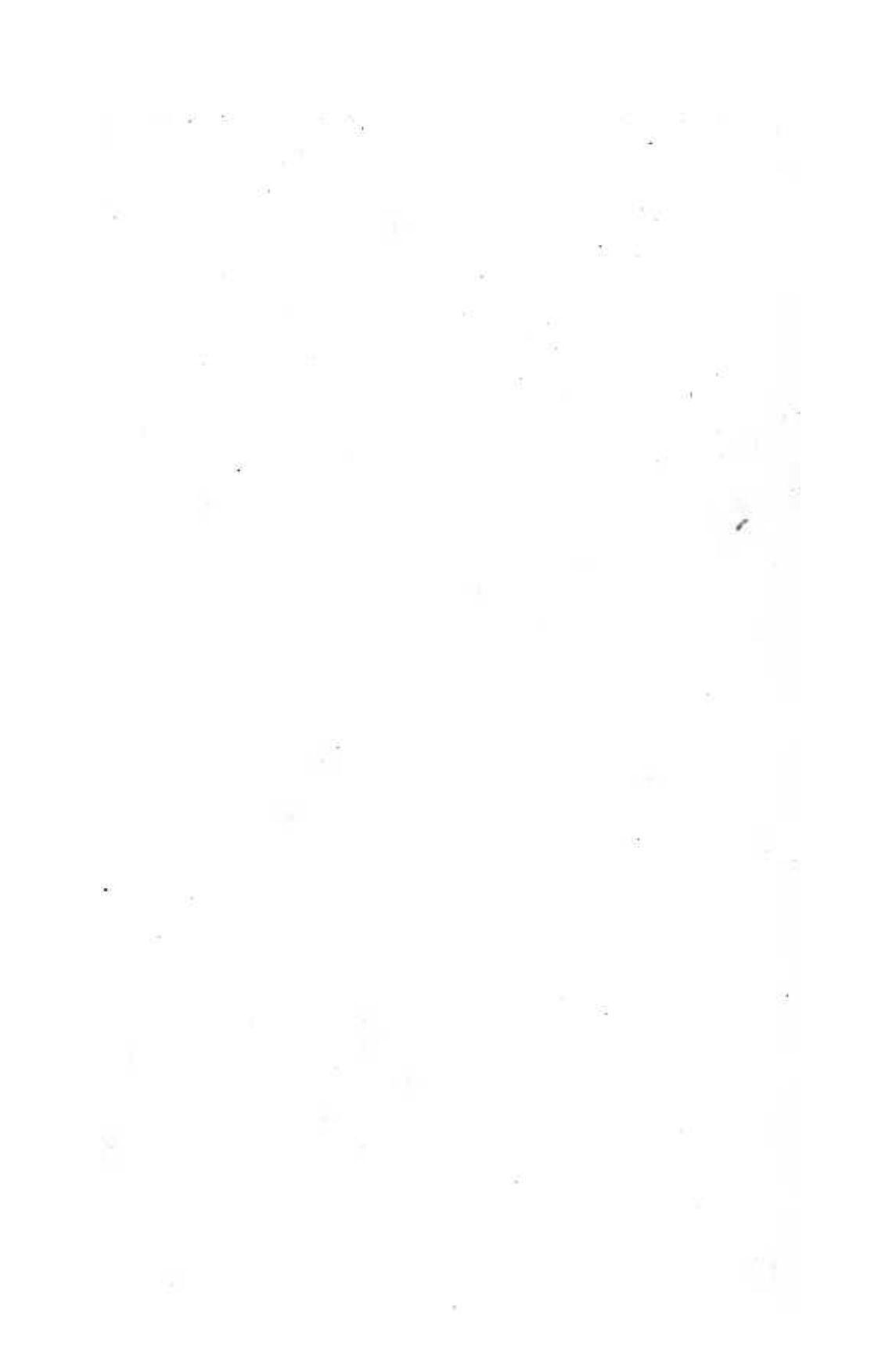
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P R E F A C E.

THE object of this work is to provide for the use of Catholics a Manual of the law specially affecting their religion and their religious interests. The chapter on Existing Disabilities is a short one, but will, it is hoped, throw some light on the alleged disqualification of Catholics to fill the offices of Lord Chancellor of England and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The legal aspects of this question have not hitherto been publicly discussed except in the carefully considered answer given by Lord (then Sir John) Coleridge to a question put by the late Sir Colman O'Loughlen in the House of Commons in 1872. That answer has lain forgotten in the pages of Hansard, and was not referred to in the debate on Mr. Gladstone's Bill for the removal of the supposed disability in 1891. It is here reprinted, and forms the basis of the argument tending to show that no such disability exists. Of the remainder of the volume much has been derived directly from the pages of the statute book. With regard to such subjects as Education and Trusts and Bequests, the Authors' task has been mainly one of selection, and they desire to express their obligations to the writers of the standard treatises on these subjects. They desire also to acknowledge, with thanks, the permission of the Council of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, to use for the purposes of this work various documents preserved in the offices of the Union. They are indebted to his Honour Judge Bagshawe for his kindness in perusing their proof-sheets, and in favouring them with important suggestions. And they have received valuable assistance from Mr. Paul Strickland, of Lincoln's Inn, in preparing the chapter on Trusts and Bequests, and from Mr. Nevill Geary, of the Inner Temple, on the subject of the Marriage-Laws.

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