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P R E F A C E.

THE object of the following sketch is to give a general idea of a most important movement in the English Church in the last century. Those who desire to fill up its details, and to trace its connexion with the general history of the Church and Nation, may be referred to Canon Perry's 'History of the Church of England,' to Dr. Stoughton's 'Ecclesiastical History of England,' to Mr. W. E. H. Lecky's 'History of England in the Eighteenth Century,' to Mr. Leslie Stephen's 'History of English Thought in the Eighteenth Century,' to Abbey and Overton's 'English Church in the Eighteenth Century,' to Sir James Stephen's 'Essays on Ecclesiastical Biography,' to Bishop Ryle's 'Christian Leaders in the Last Century,' and to the many lives of, and essays about, John Wesley, which it would be impossible to enumerate, and invidious to select from, in this short Preface. While the present writer gratefully acknowledges his obligations to these works, and to others written in the nineteenth century, he must add that

he has studied much more carefully those written in the eighteenth century, especially the works of the Revivalists themselves; from these he has endeavoured to form an independent judgment. While he has not shrunk from dealing fearlessly with burning questions, he trusts that he has not been guilty of any conscious unfairness, or of any breach of Christian charity.

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