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PREFATORY NOTE.

No apology is needed for the reissue of a short *Life of Bolingbroke*, which was published in THE STATESMEN SERIES in 1889.

Since 1889 much new light has been thrown on the history of the period in which Bolingbroke lived, and consequently it has become necessary to rewrite a considerable portion of the original *Life*.

Bolingbroke was so closely connected with all the political, literary, philosophical, and social movements of his day, that the history of his career is to a great extent that of the first half of the eighteenth century. It is, therefore, impossible within the small limits of this Prefatory Note to do more than briefly indicate some of the principal sources of information which have been consulted in re-writing this volume :

Dr. Goldsmith's *Life of Henry, Lord Viscount Bolingbroke*, in the 1809 edition of Bolingbroke's Works ; G. W. Cooke's *Memoirs of Lord Bolingbroke*, 2 vols. ; Rémusat's *L'Angleterre au Dix-huitième Siècle* ; T. Mac-knight's *Life of Lord Bolingbroke* ; T. E. Kebbel's *Essays upon History and Politics* ; J. Skelton's *Essays in History and Biography* ; R. Harrop's *Bolingbroke, a Political Study and Criticism* ; J. Churton Collins's *Bolingbroke, an Historical Study* ; W. Stebbing's *Verdicts of History Reviewed* ; Kussch, *Peterborough* ; Wilson, *Life of Berwick* ; Morley, *Voltaire* ; Craik, *Life of Swift* ; Wyon, *History of the Reign of Queen Anne*, 2 vols. ; Coxe, *Life of Walpole and Life of Pelham* ; Ballantine, *Carteret* ; Leslie Stephen, *Pope* ; Foss, *Lives of the Judges* ; Clarendon, *History of the Great Rebellion* ; Gardiner, *History of England* ; Marshall's *Genealogical Guide* ; C. Grant

Robertson, *England under the Hanoverians*; *The Edinburgh Review*, vol. cxxv.; Leadam, *The Political History of England, 1702 to 1760*; *The Dictionary of National Biography*; *The Cambridge Modern History*; *Social England*; W. Sichel, *Bolingbroke and His Times*, 2 vols., 1901; Yorke, *Life of Lord Hardwicke*, 3 vols., 1913.

For those who desire to realize thoroughly the feelings and temper of the age, and Bolingbroke's relations to the world of politics and literature, a perusal of the following will be necessary :

Barnet, *History of My Own Time*; *Letters and Despatches of the Duke of Marlborough, from 1701-1712*. *The Works and Correspondence of Bolingbroke*; *The Private Correspondence of the Duchess of Marlborough*; *Swift's Correspondence*, several of his works, and especially his *Journal to Stella*; *The Memoirs of the Duke of Berwick*; *The Memoirs of De Tovey*; *The Lockhart Papers*; *The Craftsman*; *Pope's Correspondence with Swift and Bolingbroke*; *The Marchmont Papers*; *Letters of Bolingbroke to Madame de Ferriol and to the Abbé Alari* (published in 1808 by Grimond); *The Stuart Papers*; *The Onslow Papers*; *The Wentworth Papers*; *Somers Tracts*; *Carlisle Papers*; *Portland Papers*; *Harley Papers*.

Even those numbers of *The Craftsman*, which were not written by Bolingbroke or Pulteney, are very well worth perusal, and are calculated to enable us to realize fully the nature of the questions which occupied the public mind, as well as the policy of the Opposition during a great portion of Walpole's Ministry.

From the Very Rev. T. B. Strong, Dean of Christ Church, I received much valuable help in Chapter X. In fact, the latter portion of that chapter is to a very great extent his work. To the courtesy of the Rev. Andrew Clark, Fellow of Lincoln College, and editor of the Oxford Matriculation Registers, I owe some very interesting facts which tend to throw fresh light on the knotty question of Bolingbroke's career at Oxford. To the late Mr. H. O.

Wakeman, Fellow of All Souls' College, I was indebted for much invaluable criticism while writing the *Life* in 1889. In preparing the present reissue of the volume, I have received considerable assistance from my colleague, Mr. K. G. Felling, late Fellow of All Souls' College, and now Student of Christ Church.

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