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Preface.

THE present volume was put together in the form of Lectures in connection primarily with the Communicants' Guild of St. Peter's, Leicester, and subsequently with the Branches of the Church Reading Union in Leicester and Northampton, formed at the instance of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

A strong desire was expressed that the Lectures should be published, and I have to thank many Church people in the Diocese, and more especially the Venerable J. E. Stocks, Archdeacon of Leicester, and the Rev. F. N. Thicknesse, of All Saints', Northampton, for putting me in a position to comply with this request.

Under these circumstances, I have thought it right to print the Lectures almost exactly as they were delivered. I am aware that there are disadvantages attending this method of setting forth a subject. But, on the other hand, I am not without hopes that what proved interesting in oral delivery may not be thought unworthy of attention in a continuous shape.

I cannot pretend to have brought to light any new facts, nor, indeed, to have travelled in any respect outside the beaten track. What I have endeavoured to do is to place in a clear light, and with all the fairness of which I am capable, the principles which underlay the Movement, the designs of its originators, and the broad results of their

work. In a case where personal characteristics counted for so much, I have tried my hand at sketching the characters of the principal agents, striving to be sympathetic even where I could not agree. If I have obtruded my own opinions somewhat freely, this was difficult to avoid in a series of popular lectures, intended to guide and influence as well as to instruct, and on this ground I hope it will be condoned.

The profound interest attaching to the subject may not unreasonably be held to justify the addition of another contribution to the extensive literature already given to the world. Much of this literature consists of original documents of the highest historical value. My humbler object has been to provide a plain, easily-grasped survey of the great Church Revival, which may help the average Churchman to form a correct judgment on the issues, vast and often perplexing, which it has bequeathed to our religious life.

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