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GENERAL PREFACE

IT seems expedient that the origin and scope of this new Series of Biographies should be briefly explained.

Messrs. A. R. Mowbray and Co. had formed the opinion that Ecclesiastical Biography is apt to lose in attractiveness and interest, by reason of the technical and professional spirit in which it is generally handled. Acting on this opinion, they resolved to publish some short Lives of "Leaders of the Modern Church," written exclusively by laymen. They conceived that a certain freshness might thus be imparted to subjects already more or less familiar, and that a class of readers, who are repelled by the details of ecclesiasticism, might be attracted by a more human, and in some sense a more secular, treatment of religious lives.

This conception of Ecclesiastical Biography agreed entirely with my own prepossessions; and I gladly acceded to the publishers' request that I would undertake the general superintendence of the series. I am not without the hope that these handy and readable books may be of some service to the English clergy. They set forth the impressions produced on

the minds of devout and interested lay-people by the characters and careers of some great ecclesiastics. It seems possible that a knowledge of those impressions may stimulate and encourage that "interest in public affairs, in the politics and welfare of the country," and in "the civil life of the people," which Cardinal Manning noted as the peculiar virtue of the English Priesthood; and the lack of which he deplored as one of the chief defects of the Priesthood over which he himself presided.¹

G. W. E. RUSSELL.

S. Mary Magdalene's Day,
1905.

¹ See "Hindrances to the Spread of the Catholic Church in England," at the end of Purcell's *Life of Cardinal Manning*.

FOREWORD

I HAVE endeavoured in this book to give a plain account of Bishop Westcott's life and teaching, and I have dwelt more on the social and religious teaching than on the details of episcopal biography, for two reasons. First, I understand the object of this series is to present Leaders of the Church of England from the layman's point of view, and the average layman is not greatly interested in the discussion of ecclesiastical minutiae; and in the second place, Westcott's life was remarkably even and unexciting. Rarely is life so orderly as Westcott's was. It was not torn by internal passion, nor vexed by the blows of enemies. No mental or theological crisis is recorded, no parting of the ways is arrived at. It was just the life of a man who lived well and saw good days, who kept faith with himself, with his neighbour, and with his God, without violence.

The Rev. Arthur Westcott has given us in full the story of his father's life, and has published all the chief letters the Bishop wrote.

This little book of mine cannot attempt to rival that excellent piece of biographical work,

and it was only after obtaining Canon Westcott's consent that I ventured to set about writing it.

I am greatly indebted to the Rev. J. Llewelyn Davies for the help he has given me; and my best thanks are also due to the Dean of Durham, to the Rev. John Carter (Pusey House, Oxford), to Canon H. S. Holland, to my brother (Mr. T. Clayton), and to others whose assistance has been so generously given.

The Editor of this series has not only been kind enough to help me with the proofs; he has also corrected many small errors of fact, and has adjusted many broken sentences to a better literary standard. I accept these corrections and adjustments, and am glad to acknowledge them.

J. C.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.,

February, 1906.