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## PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE Author's object in this Publication is to present to his Clerical Brethren in the most accessible form, the instruction afforded by *actual experience*, as well as the information derived from *Ecclesiastical Law*, scattered through many large and expensive volumes, on the numerous matters so practically interesting to every Parochial Clergyman. He will repeat here, what he has already observed in one of the periodical issues of this work, that nothing in these pages will be found advanced in any *party spirit*, or with the view of inculcating any peculiar personal prepossessions; but that he has been actuated solely by a sincere desire of laying before the Reader, *fairly* and *impartially*, every available information, which may help to elucidate and explain the power and position of a Clergyman of the Church of England with respect to the execution of his Public Ministerial Duties. Where, however, the opinions quoted in elucidation of any questionable usage may appear to preponderate in favour of the adoption of that usage; he is bound to state, that this has resulted from no personal bias, but from the fact of there having been fewer opinions expressed in print upon the opposite side of the question.

It may by some, perhaps, be considered presumptuous on the part of the Author to enter upon so delicate and critical an inquiry as the great range of the subjects proposed must involve; he therefore trusts that he may not expose himself to the charge of egotism by stating, that were it not that he has had for some years to contend with many of the most difficult and trying positions of Parochial management, whence he gathered much experience,—were

it not also that he has been honoured with the acquaintance of many of the most learned and practical men, and some holding the highest positions in the Church, whose kind counsel and opinion were ever at his command; as well as been possessed of the privileged use of that great resource for authorities, the *Cambridge University Library*,—he would doubtlessly have never undertaken the laborious task of arranging for publication in the work now presented to the Public the rough materials which he had collected for his personal use. He may remark, that the *Statute Laws, Constitutions and Canons*, and the *Ecclesiastical authorities*, bearing upon the exercise of the Ministerial function, and the Management of a Pariah; as well as upon the various and complicated questions of *Liturgical Uniformity*, will be presented in due course; and the changes and discrepancies introduced by *Custom* and now in practice, be also detailed in order, so as to afford, as nearly as may be, a complete 'Manual' of the LAWS and USAGES affecting the Church and the Clergy at the present day.

In conclusion, the Author cannot refrain from expressing the high gratification he has felt in the encouragement afforded him in the conduct of this work by so many members of the Episcopal Bench, among whom he may especially mention his kind friends, the Lord Bishop of Ely, his diocesan; the Lord Bishop of Llandaff; and the much to be lamented DR KAYE, the late Bishop of Lincoln. At the same time, he feels called upon to tender his warmest thanks to those Examining Chaplains, and other persons eminent in the Church, as well as at the Bar, who have been kind enough to favour him with many valuable suggestions.

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