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PREFACE.

As MISREPRESENTATIONS are not unfrequently made respecting the character of 'Ritualism,' so-called, the sentiments of the Bishops, and the decisions of the Law Courts respecting it, it is thought that the following Plain Statement of Facts and Collection of Testimonies on the subject may, at the present time, not be without its use.

The language and tone adopted by Ritualists—almost without a parallel in Christian controversy—against all, whether Bishops or others, who expose their principles and their aims, will perhaps open the eyes of some to the true source and spirit of a system which, far from showing 'honour to whom honour is due,' 'despises dominion,' and does not hesitate to 'speak evil of dignities.'

The facts and testimonies of the following pages are submitted to the calm consideration of all who love the Church of England as Reformed three hundred years ago, and are really concerned in the maintenance of the Truth for which our forefathers died.

Such Testimonies might have been greatly multiplied. The difficulty has been, not what to adduce, but what to exclude. But it was felt that all conciseness was desirable that was consistent with the simple and clear exhibition of the actual facts of the case.

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