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INTRODUCTORY.

The Church Club of Connecticut, composed of laymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in that diocese, exists, not only for the purpose of cultivating personal acquaintance, but also for the promotion of knowledge of all matters relating to the Church at large.

The following series of five lectures was conceived and is presented as some contribution to that end. The Council well understood that the scheme as carried out is too scant. It would have been desirable to have had other branches of the Church presented, and still more to have had such a complete treatment of the reformations in the Church as should have thrown full light upon its later development and upon the present relations of those great divisions with which we of this country are most familiar and most concerned. So extensive a scheme in one season was found impracticable; but it is hoped that that here presented will, as far as it goes, be found a properly ordered one. Certainly the Club has been most fortunate in securing lecturers of such notable fitness for the treatment of their several themes. To each of them the Council renews the expression of its appreciation and gratitude. It deeply regrets that a disinclination to print by its distinguished author prevents the presentation here of the concluding and sixth lecture—a sermon by Rev. W. R. Huntington, D.D., upon "Church Unity," from the text, "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

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President.

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