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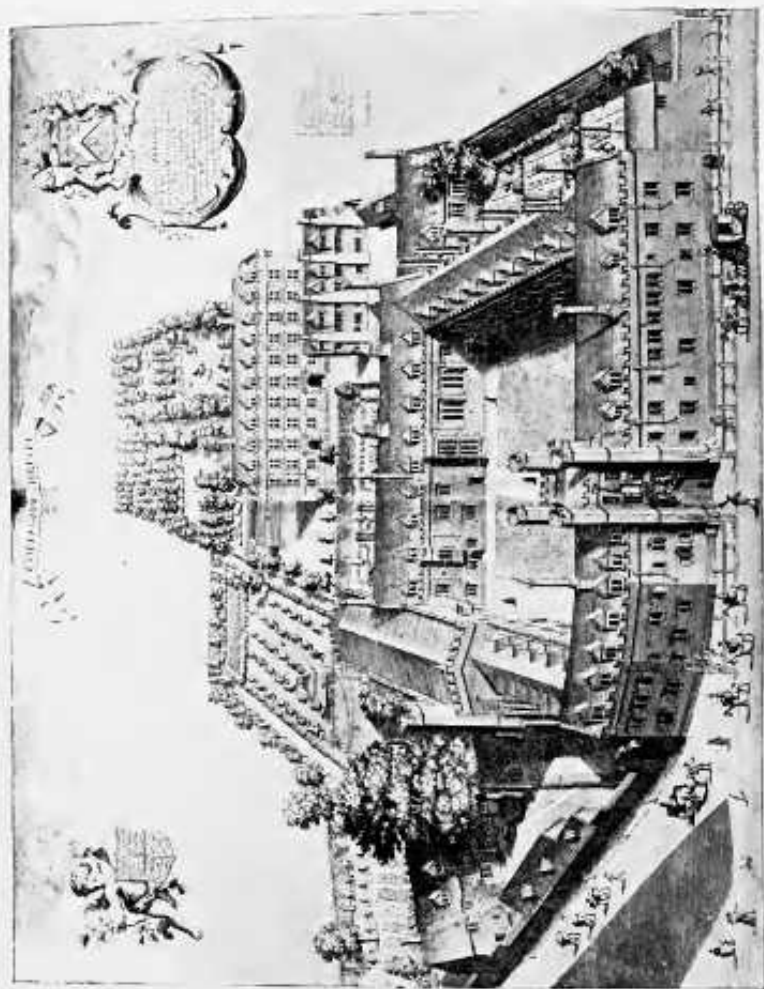
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P R E F A C E

IN compiling these imperfect annals of the College, I have used all the unpublished material that is known to me, especially that which is stored in our Muniment Room. The College account-books are complete from 1530, except for the years 1639-45. From these I have recovered the names of all the Fellows after 1530, and the length of their tenure within a quarter of a year. I have got from other sources the names of most of those who were Fellows during the preceding twenty-five years. More light than might be supposed is thrown on the history of the College by the items of miscellaneous expenditure (*expensa forinseca*) which conclude each half-yearly account. I have got something from the contents of the "Visitors' Drawer" (the decrees and interpretations of successive Visitors of the College), and from the Lease Books and numerous documents which relate to College estates; with these I could

have done little but for the valuable catalogue made by Adam Wall, Fellow 1756-98, whose name deserves most grateful record (see p. 254). I have also made constant use of his MS. volumes in the University Library (Mm. v. 40-52), of which one deals exclusively with God's House and four with Christ's College. A little parchment book, written by Dr. Cudworth to aid him in his bursarial labours, gives a good account of the College property at the middle of the seventeenth century; a fuller work on the same subject was commenced only by Dr. Towers about 1730. I have drawn something from MS. sources at the University Registry, especially 92 (1 and 2), and *Misc.*, 6, 7; these relate wholly to Christ's College. The Matriculation and Degree Books at the same place have been useful for my present purpose, but more for a Biographical Register of the members of the College from 1505-1900, at which I have worked for several years, following the example of Dr. Venn, whose Register of Gonville and Caius College is a monument of accurate and exhaustive research. At the British Museum I have gone carefully through the Cole MSS., and have consulted the Baker MSS.; I spent much time over Mead's inimitable letters (MS. Harl., 389, 390), see p. 134. The Master and Fellows of Sidney Sussex kindly allowed me to make full use of Samuel Ward's Diary (see p. 107). The Bishops' registers in the several English dioceses have given me matter rather for the Register

than for this work ; as have also some of Mr. Joseph Foster's collections which I have been allowed to consult.

Of published matter of the same sort I have found the *Calendar of State Papers (Domestic)* especially useful ; I wish that more volumes had been published. I have used the *University and College Documents* ; Lamb's *Documents from the MSS. Library of Corpus Christi College* ; Heywood and Wright's *Cambridge University Transactions* ; and several others.

Turning to more general works, I have to express—like all other labourers in this field—my obligation to C. H. Cooper's *Athenæ Cantabrigienses* and *Annals of Cambridge* ; it is hard to say which is the more useful. Not less is my debt to Mr. Mullinger's *History of the University* ; and the Registrar's *Architectural History* has been indispensable. For special periods of University history I think that I owe most to Strype's various works ; to the *Douai Diaries* and Foley's *Records of the Society of Jesus* ; to Brook's *History of the Puritans* ; to Walker's *Sufferings of the Clergy* ; to Calamy-Palmer's *Nonconformist Memorial* ; to Kingston's *East Anglia and the Civil War* ; to David's *Nonconformity in Essex*, and similar books for other counties ; to Worthington's *Diary* ; to Tulloch's *Rational Theology in England*, vol. ii. ; to Wordsworth's *University Life in the Eighteenth Century* ; to Meadley's *Life of Paley* ; to Gunning's *Reminiscences* ;

and last, not least, to the *Dictionary of National Biography*.

Of the faults of this little book no one can be more conscious than I am. It is no valid excuse for them that I am a novice in historical work. I may say that I have spared no pains. But the errors already detected are more than sufficient to make it plain to me how many must have escaped me. I shall be most thankful for correction.

Professor Skeat, Professor John W. Halcs, and Mr. J. A. Sharkey have very kindly read the whole or part of the proofs. But they are in no way responsible for the faults which survive their criticism.

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