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WHOSE WORK
IS A SURE HELP
TO ALL WHO LABOUR
IN THE SAME FIELDS.

EDITOR'S GENERAL PREFACE

IN no branch of human knowledge has there been a more lively increase of the spirit of research during the past few years than in the study of Theology.

Many points of doctrine have been passing afresh through the crucible; "re-statement" is a popular cry and, in some directions, a real requirement of the age; the additions to our actual materials, both as regards ancient manuscripts and archaeological discoveries, have never before been so great as in recent years; linguistic knowledge has advanced with the fuller possibilities provided by the constant addition of more data for comparative study, cuneiform inscriptions have been deciphered and forgotten peoples, records, and even tongues, revealed anew as the outcome of diligent, skilful and devoted study.

Scholars have specialized to so great an extent that many conclusions are less speculative than they were, while many more aids are thus available for arriving at a general judgment; and, in some directions, at least, the time for drawing such general conclusions, and so making practical use of such specialized research, seems to have come, or to be close at hand.

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That this may be so is the one desire of Editor and contributors alike.

W. C. P.

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PREFACE

A VERY considerable portion of the contents of these volumes has already appeared in the pages of *The Churchman* (April, 1910, to August, 1911) under the title of "Some Chapters in the History of the Early English Church"; and the writer was asked to put these chapters together, with or without alteration, as might seem best, and expand them into a book. The present volumes are the result. For the most part, the articles in *The Churchman* will be found in it with little or no alteration; but in some portions there is difference of form. The expansions are more considerable. Not only have the papers which have already appeared been made much more full, but one important topic, which, to the writer, at any rate, is one of the most interesting, did not appear in the published articles at all. The series ended with "The Revival under Alfred," which makes a fairly good terminus, but not the best. The revival of the English Church under King Alfred was a very real thing, and our gratitude to him for it cannot