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Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

Jeremish vi. 16.

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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

Some years since I wrote a paper on "The Literal Meaning of the Ornaments Rubric," for the St. Paul's Ecclesiological Society, and it was printed in the second volume of the Society's Transactions. The greater part of that paper was taken up by a descriptive catalogue of the ornaments found in parish churches in the second year of King Edward VI. On the formation of the Alcuin Club it seemed good to the Committee to issue such a catalogue, and I was asked to allow mine to be reprinted. I consented willingly, and the leave of the Executive of the St. Paul's Society was obtained. But when the Committee met to discuss the matter further, it was thought that it would be better to quote authorities more than had been done before, and I proposed to add some items to the list. As to the last, they are not important in their bearing on Church questions, but some are curious and interesting to the antiquary; and, as the wish has been to give as true a picture as possible of the contents of churches at the time under consideration, it seemed right to include them.

All the substance of the former paper remains, but the examples and authorities quoted are more than double what they were. They might have