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"Quare feet Dominus sic domni huic" VIEW BY LOGGAN (c. 1675)

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PREFACE

THE divided authorship of this volume is the chief matter that requires explanation in the Preface. When I first began to work on the volume it was intended that I should devote especial attention to the monastic part, and to a further elucidation, if possible, of the Greek College scheme. The remaining chapters were to be in Mr. Daniel's hands, though I was to give him such additional information as I came across in the course of my reading, and Mr. Daniel was to take the general responsibility for the entire volume.

Unfortunately, when all the material for Mr. Daniel's portion of the work had already been completed, and the time was drawing very close when it would be necessary to send the volume to the printer, Mr. Daniel was disabled by an accident, which rendered it impossible for him to devote himself to the work for many weeks. In consequence of this I took over the material for the remaining chapters which had accumulated in Mr. Daniel's hands, and, as a matter of fact, finished the text of the book.

But though I am mainly responsible for certain chapters, I must acknowledge my indebtedness to Mr. Daniel for the whole book. The short studies of College history which he has written in the past have in almost all cases suggested the directions in which to look for such additional facts as are embodied in this volume; and this volume only really fills in the outlines which he had already sketched out. He has also looked through the proofs of the entire volume, and made many valuable additions and corrections.

I must acknowledge myself specially indebted to Mr. T. W. Jackson for the great assistance he has rendered me in connection with the history of Gloucester College. Many years ago he made a study of this part of the College history, dealing with the matter in a far wider way than has been possible to me. He very kindly consented to look through these early chapters, both in manuscript and proof, and his invaluable suggestions have saved me from many serious errors. In addition to this, he has given me information which has cleared up several disputed points. In particular, the identification of the Pershore chamber, the information with regard to Bury St. Edmunds, and as to the Cambridge Benedictines, and part of the information as to the Abbey of Malmesbury, are due to him. Perhaps one may be allowed to express a hope that the fruit of his researches will some day be published.

I must also acknowledge my debt to the Provost, who very kindly gave me the fullest facilities for examining the College books and the portraits in the Provost's lodgings; to Mr. W. H. Hadow, who kindly furnished me with notes in reference to the field scheme; to Mr. Berington and Mr. A. R. Bayley, both of Malvern,