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PREFACE

I MAY be permitted to refer here to my larger *History of Pembroke College*, issued in 1897 by the Oxford Historical Society. Self-abridgment is perhaps the most tolerable form of plagiarism; but when undertaking the present volume in Mr. Robinson's Series I hoped—I do not know with what success—to avoid making it a mere compendium of the other. But for this embarrassing fear of *crambe repetita* the modern part might have been lighter and more anecdotal. I have been glad of the opportunity of correcting some errors, making some points clearer, adding a little new material, and presenting the annals of the College in an easier, more succinct, and more chronological and straightforward form. There is really not much story to tell, and the thing of most interest about a College must still be, in most cases, to recall who and what manner of men have first tasted the vernal life of manhood within its walls, and carried its influences into the outer and larger world. I have usually tried to indicate the men of eminence who were up together; for example, Heywoode and Bonner, Beaumont, Pym, and Corbet, Shenstone and Whitefield, or Lovell Beddoes and Hawker of Morwenstow.

Pembroke is no longer that "youngest Child" of Oxford—"oldest of Halls and newest of Colleges" it used to be called—for which Fuller prayed that it might find in its Mother's love what its comparatively portionless estate lacked from paternal provision. But it is the one distinctively seventeenth-century foundation, bodying the spirit of Jacobean Anglicanism and the middle-class bountifulness of that era; for Wadham, as Mr. J. Wells points out, belongs in the type of its statutes and of its architecture to the Elizabethan age, and (whatever its subsequent history) seems to have had an almost Romanist origin. I have given reasons for thinking that Pembroke is really, as well as nominally, a Royal Foundation, that is to say that it would never have been founded as an independent College but for James I.'s canny and enlightened desire to connect his name, at some one else's expense, with a learned institution.

I have to thank the Oxford Historical Society for permitting me to draw upon the information contained in my larger History. My gratitude for assistance in revising the present pages is due to the same friend and former colleague whose judgment and experience helped me with the earlier work.