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Qualis fuerit apud Britones et Hibernos sacrificandi ritus non plane compertum est. Modum tamen illum a Romano divisum exstitisse intelligitur ex Bernardo in libro de vita Malachiae cc. iii, viii, ubi Malachias barbaras consuetudines Romanis mutasse, et canonicum divinae laudis officium in illas ecclesias invexisse memoratur.

Mabillon, De Lit, Gall, lib. i, cap. ii. § 14.

Hactenus lyturgia Scottica typis vulgata non habetur; et Britanniae virorum doctorum esset, fragmenta ritus Scottici, circumquaque dispersa, colligere et illustrare.

C. Purton Cooper's (intended) Report on Foedera, Appendix A, p. 94.

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PREFACE.

THE following pages contain an account of the Liturgy and Ritual of the Celtic Church in these islands, so far as their character can be ascertained from the limited sources of information open to us. They relate to a subject about which, until recently, very little was known. The great continental Liturgiologists of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were either silent about it, or dismissed it as offering no data for information and no materials for investigation. Mabillon wrote: 'Qualis fuerit apud Britonos et Hibernos sacrificandi ritus, non plane compertum est. Modum tamen illum a Romano diversum exstitisse intelligitur ex Bernardo in libro de vita Malachiae, capitibus iii et viii, ubi Malachias barbaras consuetudines Romanis mutasse, et canonicum divinae laudis officium in illas ecclesias invexisse memoratur.'-De Liturgia Gallicana, lib. i. c. ii. § 14. Gerbert wrote : 'In dubio est qui et qualis antiquitus ea in orbis plaga fuerit ordo operis Dei.'-Lit. Aleman. i. 76.

In more recent times Dr. Lingard has disclaimed all possibility of any knowledge of the subject : 'Whether the sacrificial service of the Scottish missionaries varied from that of the Romans we have no means of judging.'—Anglo-Saxon Church, edit. 1858, vol. i. p. 271.

Sir W. Palmer in his Origines Liturgicae (i. 176-189) devoted one short chapter to the Liturgy of the Celtic Church, which consisted largely of guesses and of the repetition at secondhand of statements which he was unable to verify, but which, were he to write now, he would either