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Preface

IN the spring of this year I was called upon to deliver three lectures at Liverpool on 'The Beginnings of English Christianity.' They were not written, but much of their subject-matter was afterwards embodied in a series of articles contributed to the *Church Times* in May, on 'The Coming of St. Augustine.' These lectures and articles form the basis of the present volume.

The book itself however is in no sense a reprint. It has been re-written throughout, and represents the result of much further study. Considerably more than half of its subject-matter is new, including most of what gives it a claim (if indeed it has any), to be regarded as a fresh study of the original sources. In particular, the whole of the appendices now appear for the first time.