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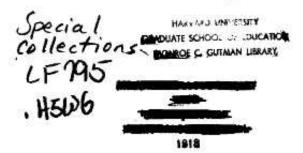
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"Heaven prosper it! may peace, and love,
And hope, and consolation fall,
Through its mack influence from above,
And penetrate the hearts of all;
All who around the hallowed fane
Shall sojourn in this fair domain."
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## PREFACE.

The Parent Establishment of Christ's Hospital, London, having been fully and elaborately described in a recent work of great research and merit, by the Rev. W. Trollope, M. A., formerly one of its Classical Masters, as well as in a less ambitious publication, by Mr. J. I. Wilson, I have been induced, from no competitor appearing in the field, to attempt, in the following pages, a description of its offspring, the branch Institution at Hertford; connecting with it incidents as they really happened, and placing before the reader the real life of a Blue-coat Boy.

The best reason I can give for the publication of these Recollections, is the want I myself experienced of a work of this description. Their origin is as follows. A gentleman of my acquaintance who had a son entering the school, requested of me some information respecting the