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With an Appendix,

CONTAINING

THE RULES, REGULATIONS, &c.

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"Heaven prosper it! may peace, and love,  
And hope, and consolation fall,  
Through its mock 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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GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL,

This little Volume is Inscribed,

By their obedient and humble Servant,

THE AUTHOR.



## P R E F A C E.

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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