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CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FROM THE EAST.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.

CHAPTER I.

THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL.

ANY attempt to write the history of a cathedral requires that the subject shall be approached with two leading ideas in view. One of these has reference to the history of a Church; the other to the story of a building. The two aspects are clearly to be distinguished, but their mutual relation may be better appreciated when we realise how intimately they are bound together.

Ecclesiastical history, or "ecclesiology," and architectural history, or "archæology," do not exist apart; for the needs of Christian liturgy indicated what arrangement was required