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Quin etiam ~~in~~ *in* felix virtus et nosia felix,
et male consultis pretium est, prudentia fallit,
nec fortuna probat causas sequiturque merentes,
sed vaga per cunctos nullo discrimine fertur.

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PREFACE.

THESE lectures, like the two volumes which have preceded them,¹ were written for popular audiences in connexion with the Exeter Diocesan Reading Society. They are not intended for experts, but were delivered, and are published, in the hope that they may induce a few English people to take more interest in the history of the English Church than they have hitherto done. The three little volumes take the reader, in a somewhat rapid, but (it is hoped) not unintelligible way, through the momentous period during which the Book of Common Prayer first took shape and reached almost exactly the form in which we possess it now, and during which the English Church passed through vicissitudes, of the critical nature of which the changes made in the Prayer-Book are only a faint reflexion. In all three volumes the aim has been to select, from the overwhelming abundance of facts, just

¹ *English Church History from the Death of Henry VII. to the Death of Archbishop Parker.* Four Lectures by the Rev. A. Plummer. T. & T. Clark, 1905. 3s. net.

² *English Church History from the Death of Archbishop Parker to the Death of Charles I.* Four Lectures by the Rev. A. Plummer. T. & T. Clark, 1904. 3s. net.

a few of the most important, and to give to the selected facts enough colour and clothing to leave a definite impression upon the hearer's or reader's mind. It has been very gratifying to the writer of these lectures to learn from competent critics that they have been regarded as impartial and fair. They have certainly been written with a strong desire to do justice to both sides independently of the writer's own sympathies. Very possibly this ideal has not always been reached ; but, if only the effort to attain to it is manifest, the reader will be able to sympathize with that effort, whatever he may think of the actual results. It is not likely that many readers will agree with quite all that is said about those who were making history during this highly controversial period.

Although original authorities have been much used, these lectures, like their predecessors, are mainly based upon the best modern works which have come within the lecturer's knowledge, and in some places are derived directly from such works. Yet he has endeavoured to form his own conclusions, and to put forth only what he has made his own by reflexion and conviction.

The following are the principal modern works that have been used in preparing the lectures :

AIRY, O., *Charles II.*

BOGUE and BENNETT, *History of Dissenters.*

BURROWS, MONTAGU, *Commentaries on the History of England.*

BURGHCLERE, LADY, *George Villiers, Second Duke of Buckingham.*

Cambridge Modern History.

- CARLYLE, T., *Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches*.
Church Quarterly Review.
- COLVILLE, A., *Duchess Sarah*.
Dictionary of National Biography.
Encyclopædia Britannica.
- FREEMAN, E. A., *Growth of the English Constitution*.
- GARDINER, S. R., *Cromwell*.
Cromwell's Place in History.
The Puritan Revolution (Epochs of Modern History).
- GARDINER and BULLINGER, *Introduction to the Study of English History*.
- GASQUET, F. A., *The Adventures of King James II*.
- GEE and HARDY, *Documents illustrative of English Church History*.
- GREEN, J. R., *History of the English People*.
- GUIZOT, F. P. G., *Causes of the Success of the English Revolution*.
- HALLAM, H., *Constitutional History of England*.
Introduction to the Literature of Europe.
- HORE, A. H., *The Church in England from William III. to Victoria*.
- HUNT, J., *Religious Thought in England from the Reformation to the Eighteenth Century*.
- HUTTON, W. H., *The English Church from the Accession of Charles I. to the Death of Anne*.
- LATHBURY, T., *History of the Nonjurors*.
- LECKY, W. E. H., *History of England in the Eighteenth Century*, vol. i.
- LINGARD, J., *History of England*, vols. viii. to x.
- MACAULAY, T., *History of England*, vol. i.
Essays.
- MACOWER, F., *Constitutional History of England*.
- MARSDEN, J. B., *History of the Later Puritans*.
- MORLEY, J., *Oliver Cromwell*.
- MOZLEY, J. B., *Essay on Cromwell*.
- OVERTON, J. H., *Life in the English Church, 1660-1714*.

- OXENHAM, H. N., *Studies in Ecclesiastical History*.
 PERRY, G. G., *History of the Church of England from the
 Death of Elizabeth*.
 RANKE, L., *History of England*, vols. iii. and iv.
 SCHAFF, P., *The Reformation*.
 SHAW, W. A., *History of the English Church during the Civil
 Wars*.
 SKEATS, H. S., *History of the Free Churches of England*.
 SMITH, GOLDWIN, *The United Kingdom, a Political History.
 Three English Statesmen*.
 STEPHEN, LESLIE, *English Thought in the Eighteenth Century*.
 STEPHEN, SIR J., *Essays in Ecclesiastical Biography*.
 TASWELL-LANGMEAD, T. P., *English Constitutional History*.
 TAUNTON, E. L., *History of the Jesuits in England*.
 TOULMIN, JOSHUA, *Historical View of the State of Dissenters
 in England*.
 TREVELYAN, G., *England under the Stuarts*.

For those who like to take their ideas of history from novels, there is a very large supply dealing with the period between Charles I. and Anne. Only a small portion of them can be mentioned here. Defoe's *Life of Colonel Jack* and *History of the Plague*; Scott's *Peveril of the Peak* and *Woodstock*; Ainsworth's *Talbot Harland*, *Old St. Paul's*, *Beatrice Tyddesley*, and *James II.*; Mrs. Marshall's *Memoirs of Troublous Times*, *Winchester Meads*, *By the North Sea*, and *Kensington Palace in the Days of Mary II.*; Miss Yonge's *The Danvers Papers* and *The Last of the Cavaliers*; Miss Everett Green's *After Worcester* and *In Taunton Town*; Miss Christabel Coleridge's *Lady Betty*; Miss Sarah Tytler's *Duchess Frances*; Miss Braddon's *London Pride*; Blackmore's *Lorna Doone*; Leigh Hunt's *Sir Ralph Esher*; Anthony Hope's

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Simon Dale; Austin Clare's *The Carved Cartoon*; Conan Doyle's *Micah Clarke*; Stanley Weyman's *Shrewsbury*; Max Pemberton's *A Puritan's Wife*.

The lectures in this volume were delivered at various centres of the Church Reading Society in the Diocese of Exeter during the autumn of 1905 and the spring of 1906. They were also delivered to a large gathering of clergy at the Palace, Gloucester, in May 1906. By the invitation of the Professors of Theology, the first and second lectures were delivered in June 1906 in the Divinity School of Trinity College, Dublin. The first, second, and fourth were delivered to clergy of the diocese of Wakefield in October 1906 at Huddersfield.

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