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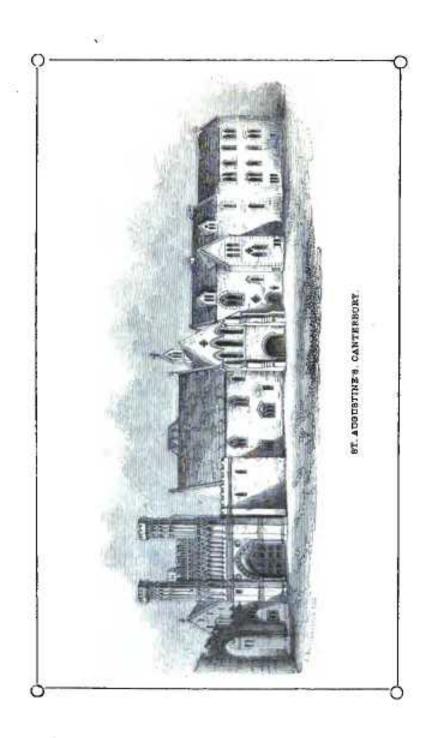
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HOLY PLACES.

BY THE AUTHOR OF

"Remarks on English Churches."

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"When once thy foot enters the Church, he bare, God is more there than thou; for thou art there Only by His permission. Then beware, And make thyself all reverence and fear."

HERBERT, The Church Porch.

"Even now, in the dry and glaring age in which we live and toil, what a homestead of Christian peace may we make for correlves, for the aged and poor, the sick and weary, the widowed and world-worn, in our Parish Church! Let us guard the House of God with a dutiful and loving care; and if the Lord bleased the house of Obed-edom for the Ark's sake, while it tarried with him, believe that He will not forget your love and reverence to His Sanctuary. A love to the very stones of his Parish Church is rooted deeply in the heart of every genuine Englishman."

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"Beverence My sanctuary I am the Lord."—Livit. xix. 30.

"Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them."-Bt. Matt. xviii. 20.

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints."-Psalm luxuix. 7.

"The ancient fathers affirmed that the House of Prayer is a court beautified with the presence of colestial powers; that there we stand, we pray, we sound forth hymns unto God, having His angels intermingled as our associates. How can we come to the House of Prayer and not be moved with the very glory of the place itself, so to frame our affections, praying as doth best beseem them whose suits the Almighty doth there sit to hear, and His angels attend to further."-Hooker.

" If the eight of a Church should remind a man of some sentiment of piety, if from the view of a material building, dedicated to the service of God, he should be led to regard himself, his own body, as a living Temple of the Holy Ghost, and therefore no more than the other to be profuned or desecrated by any thing that defileth or is impure; could it be truly said of such a one that he was superstitious, or mistook the means of religion for the end?"-Bishop Halifax.

9 C. Shattack

TO THE MOST HONOURABLE

HARRIET,

MARCHIONESS OF BATH,
VISCOUNTESS WEYMOUTH;
A RESTORER OF THE OLD WASTE PLACES
TO THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS;

WITH THE PRAYER

THESE PAGES ARE INSCRIBED,

THAT BLESSINGS, SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL,

MAY REST UPON THAT ROOP,

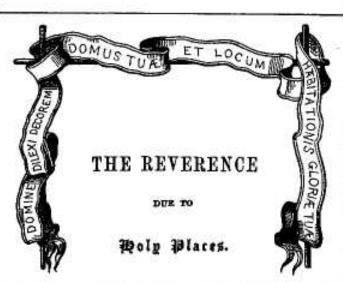
WHICH, IN THE DAY OF HIS DEPRIVATION,

AFFORDED SHELTER AND REPOSE

TO THE APOSTOLICAL

BISHOP KEN.





From the earliest ages particular persons Authorities have been dedicated to God's service, and Old Testsparticular things and places have been set apart as holy for the performance of sacred offices. Aaron and his sons "were sanctified to minister in the priest's office "." "Let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them b," was the command of the Almighty to His servant Moses, and "the tabernacle," the Lord expressly declares, "shall be sanctified by My glory c." The question, will "God, who dwelleth not in temples made with hands d"-" whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain"-" will God indeed dwell upon the earth o?" is truly an awful one; but He has Himself vouchsafed to assure us, that He is pleased so to do. "An altar of earth thou shalt make unto Me, and shalt sacrifice

Exod. xxix. 44.
 Ibid. xxv. 8.
 Ibid. xxix. 48.
 Acts vii. 48.
 I Kings viii. 27.

thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record My Name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee '." "There I will meet thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel s."

On the dedication of the Temple, Solomon prayed to God, "Have respect to the prayer of Thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which Thy servant prayeth before Thee: that Thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof Thou hast said, that Thou wouldest put Thy Name there; to hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant prayeth toward this placeh." The Almighty graciously granted the petition, and declared unto Solomon, "I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for an house of sacrifice1." "If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Mine eyes shall be open, and Mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that My Name

Fixed. xx. 24. 2 Chron. vi. 19, 20.

⁴ Ibid. xxv. 22.

¹ Ibid. vii. 12.