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P R E F A C E

THE idea of preparing a Bruton Register sprang out of a conversation with Mr. Norton, the present Head Master, who regretted that nothing of the kind had been attempted, and urged that if one were prepared, it would not only be interesting to all concerned, but might be a means of benefiting the school, by making more widely known the names and successes of some of the former alumni.

He then pressed me to undertake that part of the work which related to Mr. Abrahall's period, mentioning the fact that as I had been his pupil seven and a half years, I probably possessed, or could acquire, much valuable information respecting those early days.

The difficulties in the way seemed great, for it is no easy matter to collect the names and addresses of former companions, some of whom are no longer able to answer the old roll-call, whilst others are scattered in different parts of the world.

Still, in default of any one else willing to undertake the task, I gladly accepted Mr. Norton's challenge, partly on account of the great debt of gratitude which I owe to him who was one of the ripest of scholars.

the kindest of friends, the most painstaking of teachers, and the most liberal of masters, remembering that under Mr. Abrahall many of us learned

tenui modulari carmen avena,

whilst to each of us his teaching was

Imprimis venerare Deum;

and partly to show, ere too late, that a comparatively small school like Bruton, under a first-rate master, has trained and sent forth to the world men who have shone in the Church, on the Bench, at the Bar, in arms and in peace, and in various fields of art, science, and literature.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking cordially those who have helped me: almost every O. B. to whom I have written has given very valuable assistance, without which indeed I could not have succeeded to any extent; and still, as some names and events date back fifty or sixty years, errors and omissions are unavoidable.

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PREFACE TO THE REVISED EDITION

SINCE publishing the Bruton Register it has been suggested to me that the information it contains might be made more complete, and the record more interesting, if the parentage, &c., of the old boys could be discovered and added.

This I have endeavoured to do by corresponding with those of our number who are alive, or with their representatives; to all of whom I return my best thanks for their willing help and invaluable information.

I may add that as there are no early documentary records in existence before 1864, it is feared that there may be still omissions and mistakes in this Register. Should any such be found, I trust that those who are omitted or incorrectly described, or their surviving friends, will kindly forgive any errors which have been unintentionally made, notwithstanding all the pains bestowed on producing a complete and accurate record of Mr. Abrahall and his successors.

T. A. S.

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And, when possible, each O. B. or his representative has
been consulted.