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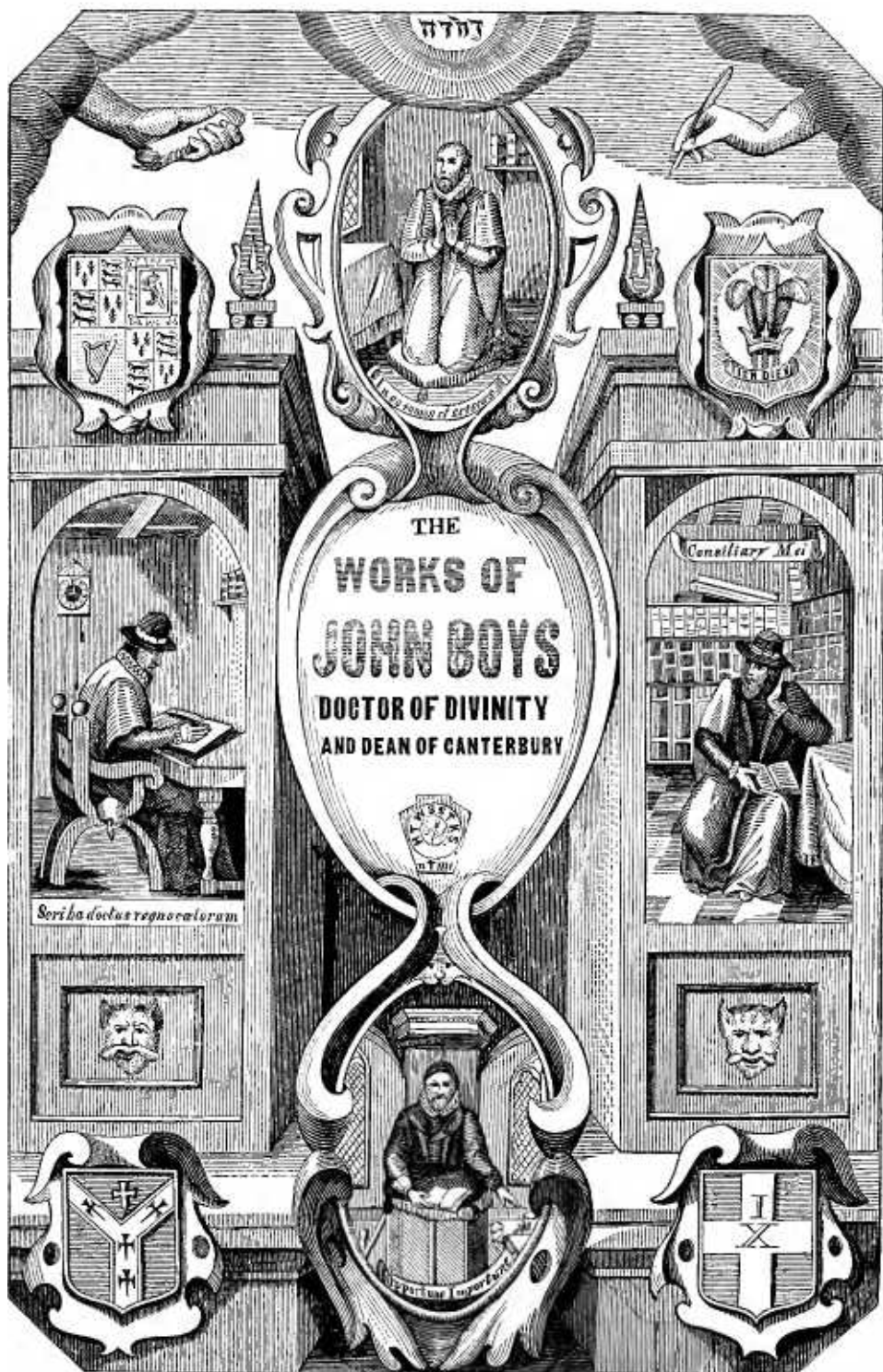
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BISHOP PARKER UP TO THE APOSTLES, THROUGH THREE CHANNELS, VIZ: ANGLICAN,
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LEGE ET AGE; VIVE ET VALE.

A WORD TO THE READER.

Good books, like good wine, increase in value as they increase in years.

The Bible is at once the oldest and the best of books; and the Prayer Book, which, in its present form, has stood the test of several centuries, commands the admiration of christendom.

As the Church is the pillar and ground of the truth, so the Prayer Book, being the mouth and voice of the Church, is the means of manifesting the truth, and of fostering pure devotion. Its offices are appropriate, simple, and sublime. Its platform is an open Bible, an apostolic ministry, and a form of public worship, which is at once scriptural, catholic, and uniform. Scriptural in its language and teachings; catholic in its objects, embracing all possible subjects of prayer and praise; and uniform in regulating the devotions of the Church the world over, protecting the people from the caprice of the eccentric and the neglect of the slothful, which might introduce folly, or omit matters of importance, in conducting public worship.

The influence of our Liturgy is becoming so considerable upon the popular mind, that our accessions from the ranks of the clergy and laity of other denominations professing Christianity around us are daily increasing, and render extremely useful and valuable all publications tending to illustrate the doctrines and discipline of the Church.

The work, from which the following expositions are compiled, is possessed of sufficient merit to render recommendations unnecessary.

In its teachings concerning the sinner's justification, it is clear and explicit; in its exhibition of the value and authority of the ministry and means of grace it occupies high ground, and maintains it with "the two edged sword;" in its exposition of the ridiculous ceremonies and heretical dogmas of Papal Rome, it is bold and decided.

In order to retain something of that inexpressible worth which is lost by changing the dress of these old authors, we shall give the preface and a few other passages without alteration.

TO THE VIRTUOUS AND WORTHY KNIGHT,

SIR JOHN BOYS, OF CANTERBURY,

MY VERY GOOD UNCLE,

GRACE AND PEACE.

SIR:

You did first plant my studies, Archbishop Whitegift, that president of piety, watered them, and God gave the increase. To God, as the fountain of all goodness, I consecrate all that I have; to your happy memories, as to the condaites of much good, I dedicate this ensuing Pastill, especially to your selfe surviving, as to my best Patron in Cambridge, where the foundation of this worke was laid; unto your selfe, as to the chiefe procurer of that small benefice, where the frame was raised; unto your selfe, as to the lively patterne of that doctrine which is here delivered.

Accept it as your owne, for it bears your name, and resembling you much, endeavours to honour you long; so you shall encourage me daily to lessen my debt to the Church, and increase my obligations to your owne selfe,

That living and dying I may continue your most bounden nephew,

JOHN BOYS.

EPISTLE DEDICATORY,

TO THE EXPOSITION OF THE PROPER PSALMS FOR CERTAIN DAYS.

To the very religious and every way noble Knight, SIR THOMAS WATTON, of Boston Malherbe, son and heir to the Rt. Hon. Lord Watton, Baron of Marleigh, one of the most honourable Privy Council, &c. &c.

SIR:

As the Scriptures excell other writings in verity; so do the Psalmes excell the other Scriptures in variety; for whereas some sacred books are legal, as the penteteuche of Moses; others historical, as the Kings, Chronicles, and Acts; a third kind propheticall, as the vision of Esay, Sermons of Jeremy, and Revelation of St. John; a fourth evangelicall, as the Gospels and Epistles; the Psalter, (as Augustine, Basil, Euthymius, and other ancient Doctors honour it,) is a common treasure house of all good arguments and instructions; and in this respect aptly termed, *the Scules Anatomie*, *the Lawes Epitomy*, *the Gospel's Index*; in one word, *the Register*, *Enchiridion*, *Summary pith*, and, as it were, *Briefe of the whole Bible*.

Upon this ground, the Church, in olden time, dividing the Psalmes into seven portions, enjoyed that they should be read in Divine service (thorow) once every weeke; and in our time, parting them into thirty, once every moneth; whereas, other parts of Holy Writ are read thorow but once in the yeare. And the Novelists, howsoever they mislike bare reading of chapters, approve, notwithstanding, by their positions and practice, singing of Psalmes in the congregation. By which it doth appeare, that nothing is esteemed generally more necessary for the worship of God, than the word of God; and no parcell of the word more full and fit, than the Psalmes; unto which I will adde, that no Psalmes are more profitable, than