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TO
MY MOTHER

PREFACE

IN the first study in this volume an attempt is made to expound, compare and estimate the reasoning of three well-known men on the problem of Church and State. Their views, and especially the several points of view, have significance from the seventeenth century to the twentieth in the interaction of religion and politics in Britain.

'An American-Independence Group' is, in part, a by-product of an interest which I have taken in the study of the American Question for many years, but it is also a consideration of fundamentals in the politics and statesmanship of Independence. Distinction is drawn between attachment to a constitutional principle and the claims of a political and national ideal for one people. The constitutionality that was threatened prevailed: the larger loyalty that demanded recognition was sacrificed: 'in Congress, July 4, 1776,' the less triumphed at the expense of the greater.

In this American study, as well as in two of the three which follow it, the politics are, I trust, politics drawn from history, and yet with due homage rendered to 'the thinkers.' In our own