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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND :

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BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL LATIN,

BY

WILLIAM WITHERS EWBANK, B.A.,

OF CHRIST'S COLLEGE, CANERIDGE ; VICAR OF GRINDON ; AND SUSDAY EVENING RECIVER OF STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

"I am not subsured of the Gospel of Christ ; for it is the power of God "anto substitut to every one that believeth."-Rom. i. 16.

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believes, that the Bishop's excellent work is even. now comparatively little known, except by name, to the large majority of English readers : and he hopes to be the means of introducing it to the notice of some, whether friends or enemies of the Church of England, who may at present be ignorant of its contents. To both classes it may, under God's blessing, be eminently useful. It may serve to revive the fainting attachment of the former, and to disarm the bitter hostility of the latter. For it must be confessed, that there are too many, both friends and enemies of our Church, who are not so accurately acquainted with the true doctrines and the real position of that Church, as either friendship or enmity requires it of them. Now, undoubtedly, the wisest plan for arriving at so desirable an acquaintance is to go at once and ask information of the Reformers, who were the most likely to understand the genuine sense of the Church of England, both

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Grindon Vicarage, Dec. 12, 1838.

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