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PREFACE.



I SEE that in an interesting review in the *Leiden Theol. Tijdschrift* (Maar., 1895) of my last year's course of lectures at St. Paul's, *The Church in these Islands before the coming of Augustine*, a very friendly Dutch critic thinks that my "Exkurs" on Pelagius and Coelestius "schijnt hier misplaatst." Considering that my one purpose was to speak of the Britons and the Celts, and that one of these was a Briton and the other a Celt, and that both of them play highly important parts in Church History, I cannot quite agree with my critic. I should not have referred to this, however, if it had not provided an opportunity for a more general remark. My wish has been, all through, to put as much material and as many collateral points and illustrations as possible into my lectures. It seems to me important that the early British and English periods should be made to look

large and full, and should be linked as completely as may be with the general swing and go of the then world. No doubt the attempt to carry out this purpose gives at times a sense of crowdedness, and at times a sense of delay in coming to the point. These objections I have intentionally disregarded. I need scarcely add that to have allowed them to prevail would have saved me some hours of work and many risks of error.

G. F. STEPNEY.

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A YEAR ago, we considered the Church in these islands before the coming of Augustine. We brought the history down to the time when the English people had driven the Britons and their Christianity to the west of the island, had settled themselves down in their new possessions, and had become ripe for the introduction of Christianity. We left our English ancestors just at the point