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TO
MY YOUNGER BRETHREN,
WHO HAVE FORMERLY GIRDED THEMSELVES FOR THE
WORK OF THE MINISTRY,
At the *Wells Theological College*
AS WELL AS TO THOSE WHO ARE NOW MEMBERS
OF THAT INSTITUTION,
THIS MANUAL IS INSCRIBED,
WITH PRAYER TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSING THEREON,
IN CHRIST,
BY THEIR AFFECTIONATE FRIEND,
J. H. P.

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PREFACE.

THIS Manual was undertaken with the hope of supplying, in some degree, a want frequently felt by those who are preparing for Holy Orders.

The earnest desire of the Author is, that it may be helpful in leading the mind to *keep the Ordination Vow continually* in view.

Should the writer's life be spared, it is his intention, God permitting, to prepare a somewhat larger Manual on the Office for Priests.

And while the present work aims at being chiefly prospective, the forthcoming volume will be marked by Prayers and Meditations of a more retrospective character.

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THE FORM AND MANNER
OF
MAKING OF DEACONS,

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF

The United Church of England and Ireland.

THE PREFACE.

It is evident unto all men diligently reading the holy Scripture and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles' time there have been these Orders of Ministers in Christ's Church; Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Which Offices were evermore had in such reverend Estimation, that no man might presume to execute any of them, except he were first called, tried, examined, and known to have such qualities as are requisite for the same; and also by publick Prayer, with Imposition of Hands, were approved and admitted thereto by lawful Authority. And therefore to the intent that these Orders may be continued, and reverently used and esteemed, in the United Church of England and Ireland; no man shall be accounted or taken to be a lawful Bishop,