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## PREFACE.

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THE present volume carries on the history of the Fellows, and partially of the College, to the end of the troublous scenes of the seventeenth century. In the next volume we shall pass to the century which, while undisturbed in academic life by civil commotions, was also undistinguished by intellectual activity either in theology or literature. Horne, Routh and Chandler will stand out very nearly alone as conspicuous representatives of religion and learning, and in a lesser degree Archdeacon Townson and Humphrey Sibthorp. The restfulness that followed upon the hush of strife degenerated very soon into torpor and dulness.

In the preface to the third volume I alluded to the contrast that was to be found between the two classes of intruded Fellows under the Parliamentary and Puritan régime and the arbitrary rule of James II. The contrast is here fully manifested. In the former case learning and ability are in most instances to be recognized. In the latter it is evident that the King, in his anxious zeal to fill the College at once with his own nominees, was driven to appoint many whose sole recommendation must apparently have been their agreement with him in religion, an agreement in some instances probably inspired by supposed worldly interest. The time during which they held their posts was, of course, too short to admit of any fruits of

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labour, but neither previously nor subsequently did anything testify to merits which, apart from their faith, might deserve royal favour and promotion.

The acknowledgements made in my previous volumes for unfailing help given by Rev. H. A. Wilson have still, I am glad to say, to be repeated. And the Keeper of the University Archives continues as readily as before to give access to the wills in his custody.

W. D. MACRAY.

*College Records Consulted.*

*Vice-President's Register, 1649-1776.* Folio, on paper, ff. 218, bound in parchment. The entries from 1649 to 1659 are very scanty and short; they only occupy one leaf at the beginning of the volume and three leaves at the end.

Of many of the separate volumes of the Bursars' Accounts only fragments remain, as noted at p. 52 *infra*. These have now, by the care of the Estates Bursar, Mr. G. E. Baker, been secured from further dilapidation by being well bound in parchment.

Dr. Bloxam's MS. volume, mentioned at p. 58 as having preserved some lost entries, is one which has been of great and unfailing assistance to me. It is a record of College affairs from the foundation to the year 1817, in a small quarto volume closely written in his very minute, but clear, handwriting, giving lists of officers under each year, notes of degrees and appointments, and extracts from the Accounts.

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