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## DEDICATION.

*To the Very Reverend and Reverends the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford; the President and Fellows of St. John's College, Oxford; and the Master, Wardens, and others constituting the Society commonly termed 'The Merchant Taylors' Company.'*

The author takes leave to dedicate his book to the above-mentioned corporations, severally and collectively.

To the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church in the first place, as a token of gratitude for the warm, generous, and substantial support evinced towards him in carrying on his work in the parish. Without such support, and at the same time an extremely nice feeling of generous confidence in the rectitude of his motives and actions, the Vicar of Little Compton could never have taken up so independent a position, nor been enabled to effect such considerable improvements, as this work discloses. Nor would his attention have been directed to the publication of the book, had he not received a kind promise of generous encouragement from the House. He therefore owes a great debt of gratitude to the Dean and Chapter, and hopes they will receive this small token of respect as a mark of the deep feeling which pervades his breast.

To the President and Fellows of St. John's College the work must also be dedicated, inasmuch as the name of Juxon is dear to them. The good archbishop was formerly their president, and at his decease left the college so large a benefaction, as to entitle the name of Juxon to be added to the list of founders and benefactors. The author believes it has long been the wish of St. John's College to rescue the archbishop's name from oblivion; but though many attempts were made, it was thought that sufficient material could not be found to furnish a biography, and thus the attempt was abandoned. The author now hopes that he has supplied the deficiency, and that the College will kindly take his little offering under their kind patronage and support.

To the society called 'the Merchant Taylors' Company' the book is also dedicated in the third place, because the author feels assured that the Company must and will take more than ordinary interest in the name of Juxon. The author has quoted largely from 'Wilson's Merchant Taylors'; he has thus been enabled to shew the extensive connection of the name of Juxon with the society, and, above all, that of the hero of this work, who appears to have obtained their special regard and attention, and to have been prized as one of their brilliant stars. The author therefore confidently entrusts this revival of the name of one of their greatest alumni to their special care and patronage.

## PREFACE.

At a time when the press teems with publications of all kinds, especially biographies, and the complaint arises that there are more books than readers, it must require an amount of moral courage in an obscure and unknown man obtruding himself on public notice, and adding to the number of publications. The only excuse which the author can allege is the simple fact, that in God's providence he was called upon to fill the office of cure of souls in the parish of Little Compton—the archbishop's parish—in the year 1857. This necessarily drew his attention to the tombstones and other monuments in the church respecting the family of the Juxons—superadded to the fact of a charity, called Archbishop Juxon's Charity, dispensed in Little Compton—and led him to make enquiries. He had also some time to spare between his recovery of health in 1862 and his return to his living in 1863. This time he spent in making researches in the British Museum and the Bodleian at Oxford; whence he was enabled to collect together more material than he expected. In the course of his investigations he discovered that attempts had repeatedly been made to furnish



a biography of the archbishop, and had failed for want of matter. Nothing daunted, he still persevered. Moreover, the notices issued in the local papers at the erection of the church and school aroused public attention, the name of the Archbishop revived, and several applications were made to the incumbent, who was known to have collected much material about the archbishop, to put this in form and publish some memoir of him. Accordingly the author set himself to work, and produced this book, which was ready for the press as early as the summer of 1868. But on offering it to two of the large publishers, he was discouraged by the discovery 'that the name of Juxon was not of sufficient importance to attract public attention and render the work lucrative.' In this dilemma, he was obliged to remain quiescent for a time. At length he determined to publish it at his own risk, leaving the results to a generous and patronizing public for appreciation of the merits of his book.

The author does not lay claim to any originality. All he has done has been, by diligent research, to collect from all sources whatever materials could be obtained respecting the archbishop, and to arrange them in a definite form and shape. To this he has added the two works of the Archbishop, namely, his published Sermon on the Death of King Charles, and his *Χάρις καὶ Εἰρήνη*, which of themselves might well form a publication, and be rescued from oblivion. But although there may be no originality, the work may not be the less interesting. Every clergyman

knows right well, that when all the passages in Scripture referring to a certain subject are all arranged and set in order, without any comment, the subject assumes a freshness and interest which takes him by surprise. Why, then, may not the same interest be excited in the biography of an individual when collected from various sources? The author therefore hopes that his labour will not be in vain, and that his book will have the effect of reviving the name of Archbishop Juxon, and supply a great deficiency. Perhaps, also, at a time when great changes in Church and State are the prevailing characteristic of our age, this work may have the effect of recalling public attention to past events in our history, tend to sober down public opinion, and cause leaders of public thought to exercise care and discrimination in directing a torrent upon rapid alterations, which may prove so uncontrolled as to be incapable of arrest, when the evil consequences begin to roll onwards to the flood of overwhelming annihilation.

In the author's sketch of Little Compton he has been necessarily led to introduce a record of his work in the parish, which he trusts will not prove uninteresting to the clergy and others. The credit of such great improvement is due to the generous and noble support which it was his good fortune to obtain. Yet, at the same time, he hopes he was not deficient, in zeal, energy, and devotion, in directing these efforts, and accomplishing such results. It gives him considerable satisfaction to say,

that a great moral change has been produced in the parish during the last twelve months, and that he has now no reason to despair of the work of God in Little Compton, nor yet to doubt the truth of the old motto, '*Obdurans perseverantia omnia vincit.*'

The work has been delayed in consequence of the marriage of the author; but he trusts this delay will not prevent its meeting with the cordial support of a generous and sympathizing public.

LITTLE COMPTON VICARAGE,

November 1, 1869.