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PREFACE

This study sprang from the invitation of the Council of the University of Edinburgh, on the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus, to deliver the Gunning Lectures during the academic session 1953–4. I am grateful to the University for the honour thus done me; and particularly to the Very Reverend Principal John Baillie and to his colleagues of the Faculty of Divinity for their kindness and hospitality which made my visit to New College so pleasant and enjoyable.

The six lectures thus delivered were expanded and given as the Edward Cadbury Lectures in the University of Birmingham in the academic session 1954–5; and I should desire to express my thanks to the Council of that University for the honour of its invitation; and especially to the Reverend Professor G. W. H. Lampe for his kindness and entertainment, which contributed so much to the enjoyment of my visits to Birmingham.

In view of the provenance of the invitation, it seemed proper that I should choose a subject of interest to the church of Scotland no less than to the church of England. I cannot hope to make an original contribution to knowledge on such a well-worn theme; but I believe that I have offered some new items of information, and I have endeavoured to interpret the subject in its historical context during the successive centuries of post-Reformation ecclesiastical history.

I ought to add perhaps that the manuscript of the lectures was sent to press before the first meeting of the Joint Committee of the Convocations of Canterbury and York on the Church of South India (on which I had the
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privilege of serving); and that the whole was therefore finished without knowledge of the recommendations which that committee was to reach, and which have been accepted by the said Convocations whilst the proofs were in my hands.

I owe much to the privilege of conversations with Dr Gordon Donaldson, Reader in Scottish History in the University of Edinburgh, on the theme of the English and Scottish Reformations. And I am particularly indebted to my colleague and friend the Reverend Barry D. Till, Fellow and Chaplain of Jesus College, Cambridge, for his kindness in compiling the index and reading the proofs, and I should like to express my most grateful thanks to him for his pains and patience.

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Thanks to the discovery of Du Pin’s Comonitorium and other documents relating to Archbishop Wake’s correspondence both with Gallican divines of the Sorbonne and with foreign Protestants, since the delivery of these lectures, it has been possible to give a fuller and more authentic account of these matters than was hitherto possible. Nevertheless the lectures are left unchanged, since the full account of these episodes may be found in my William Wake, Archbishop of Canterbury 1657–1737 (2 volumes, Cambridge University Press, 1957), to which reference may be made.

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