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PREFACE

THE preparation of this book was the outcome of an invitation to deliver the Birkbeck Lectures in Ecclesiastical History in the University of Cambridge in 1957–8, and its publication comes at a time when the approaching quatercentenary of the events of 1560 has revived interest in the Scottish reformation. A comprehensive history of a movement which had so many ramifications would be little less than the history of Scotland in the sixteenth century, because, apart from the ecclesiastical reformation, there was a diplomatic revolution which reversed Scotland's traditional foreign policy, there were changes in the institutions and the balance of forces in the country which meant little less than a constitutional revolution, and all must be seen against a background of social change. The subject of this book is ecclesiastical history, and even in that field it has little to say about some of the more familiar topics. My own work, pursued intermittently over a period of more than twenty years, has been primarily on record evidence, and my interest has been to determine how ecclesiastical institutions developed and operated, which they often did in ways which differed from the plans of contemporaries and differed still more from the theories of later controversialists. It is in this factual and realistic study that I hope the evidence assembled in this book will be principally of value.

I would record my gratitude to Trinity College for the honour of its invitation to deliver the lectures. I owe much to the encouragement and counsel of the Very Reverend Norman Sykes, Dean of Winchester, and to the many colleagues and other friends with whom I have discussed various problems of interpretation and from whom I have received valuable suggestions: especially to Professor W. Croft Dickinson and the Rev. Thomas Lothian, who read the typescript of the lectures before they were delivered, and to Mr I. B. Cowan, who read the typescript of this book.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<i>A.P.S.</i>	<i>Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland.</i>
<i>B.U.K.</i>	<i>Acts and Proceedings of the General Assemblies.</i> Bannatyne and Maitland Clubs, 1839–45.
Calderwood	David Calderwood, <i>The History of the Kirk of Scotland.</i> Wodrow Society, 1842–9.
<i>Cal. S. P. Scot.</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers relating to Scotland and Mary, Queen of Scots.</i> H.M.S.O.
Dickinson	W. Croft Dickinson, <i>John Knox's History of the Reformation in Scotland</i> , 1949.
<i>E.H.R.</i>	<i>English Historical Review.</i>
<i>Formulare</i>	<i>St Andrews Formulare.</i> Stair Society, 1942–4.
H.M.C.	Historical Manuscripts Commission.
Laing	David Laing, <i>The Works of John Knox</i> , 1846–64.
Reg. Ho.	H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.
<i>R.M.S.</i>	<i>Registrum Magni Sigilli Regum Scotorum.</i> H.M.S.O.
<i>R.P.C.</i>	<i>Register of the Privy Council of Scotland.</i> H.M.S.O.
<i>R.S.S.</i>	<i>Registrum Secreti Sigilli Regum Scotorum.</i> H.M.S.O.
<i>R.S.S.</i>	<i>Registrum Secreti Sigilli.</i> [MS.].
<i>Reg. K. S. St A.</i>	<i>Register of the Kirk Session of St Andrews.</i> Scottish History Society, 1889–90.
Reg. Pres.	Register of Presentations to Benefices.
<i>S.H.R.</i>	<i>Scottish Historical Review.</i>
<i>S.H.S.</i>	Scottish History Society.
<i>S.R.S.</i>	Scottish Record Society.
<i>S.T.S.</i>	Scottish Text Society.

NOTE ON REFERENCES

Citations of Knox's *History of the Reformation* refer to both Laing's edition and Dickinson's, and the proceedings of the general assembly are likewise cited from both the *B.U.K.* and Calderwood.

References to the works of English reformers are to the Parker Society editions.

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