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PREFACE

The present volume of *Studies in Church History* is the eighth to be produced by the Ecclesiastical History Society, and the third to be published by the Cambridge University Press, under an arrangement made for three years in the first instance. It is appropriate, therefore, to record the gratitude of the Society to the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press for the manner in which their undertaking has been fulfilled. The Society has never been so well served by its Publishers, as the success and wide circulation of recent volumes of *Studies in Church History* demonstrates. It is our hope that the basis of a long and fruitful collaboration has been established.

‘Popular Belief and Practice’ was the theme of the ninth summer meeting (held at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge) and the tenth winter meeting of the Society. All the 26 papers included in this volume were read at one or other of these meetings, and are arranged in chronological order of subject matter. We were, unfortunately, deprived of the presence of Professor A. Latreille by illness, but his paper was read *in absentia* by Professor J. Rouschause and is included here.

This volume is the last in this series to be edited by Canon G. J. Cuming. Since 1963, when he succeeded Professor Dugmore and Dr Duggan as editor, he has seen 7 volumes through the press, and worked with three publishers. It gives us great pleasure to register the Society’s debt to him, and to record its gratitude. The series of *Studies* is his monument, and by his example and industry the future has been assured.

W. R. Ward
President
Derek Baker
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ABBREVIATIONS

- ACO *Acta Conciliorum Oecumenicorum*, ed E. Schwartz
 (Berlin/Leipzig 1914–40)
- ACW *Ancient Christian Writers*, ed J. Quasten and J. C. Plumpe
 (Westminster, Maryland/London 1946–)
- An Bol *Analecta Bollandiana* (Brussels 1882–)
- ASOSB *Acta Sanctorum Ordinis Sancti Benedicti*, ed L. D’Achery
 and J. Mabillon (Paris 1668–1701)
- BIHR *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* (London
 1923–)
- CSCO *Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium* (Paris
 1903–)
- CSEL *Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum* (Vienna
 1866–)
- CSHByz *Corpus Scriptorum Historiae Byzantinae* (Bonn 1828–78)
- GCS *Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller der erste drei
 Jahrhunderte* (Leipzig 1897–)
- JEH *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (London 1950–)
- JMH *Journal of Modern History* (Chicago 1929–)
- JRS *Journal of Roman Studies* (London 1910–)
- JTS *Journal of Theological Studies* (London 1899–)
- LRS *Lincoln Record Society*
- Mansi J. D. Mansi, *Sacrorum conciliorum nova et amplissima collectio*,
 31 vols (Florence/Venice 1757–98); new impression and
 continuation, ed L. Petit and J. B. Martin, 60 vols (Paris
 1899–1927)
- MGH *Monumenta Germaniae Historica inde ab a. C. 500 usque ad
 a. 1500*, ed G. H. Pertz, etc. (Berlin/Hanover 1826–)
- SRM *Scriptores Rerum Merovingicarum*
- SS *Scriptores*
- ODCC *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, ed F. L. Cross
 (Oxford 1957)
- PG *Patrologia Graeca*, ed J. P. Migne, 161 vols (Paris
 1857–66)
- PL *Patrologia Latina*, ed J. P. Migne, 217+4 index vols
 (Paris 1878–90)

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PO	<i>Patrologia Orientalis</i> , ed J. Graffin and F. Nau (Paris 1903–)
PP	<i>Past and Present</i> (London 1952–)
PRO	Public Record Office, London
PW	<i>Paulys Realencyklopädie der klassischen Altertumswissenschaft</i> , new ed G. Wissowa and W. Kroll (Stuttgart 1893–)
RHE	<i>Revue d'Histoire Ecclésiastique</i> (Louvain 1900–)
RHEF	<i>Revue d'Histoire de l'Eglise de France</i> (Paris 1910–)
SA	<i>Studia Anselmiana</i> (Rome 1933–)
SCH	<i>Studies in Church History</i> (London 1964–)
<i>Speculum</i>	<i>Speculum. A Journal of Medieval Studies</i> (Cambridge, Mass. 1926–)
TRHS	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i> (London 1871–)
WA	<i>D. Martin Luthers Werke</i> , ed J. C. F. Knaake, etc. <i>Weimare Ausgabe</i> (Weimar 1883–)