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PREFACE

It is a pleasure to record the gratitude of the Ecclesiastical History Society to the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press, who have undertaken the publication of this series of *Studies in Church History*, for the next three years in the first instance. It is our warm hope that this will prove the beginning of a long and happy collaboration. The volumes will have at their centre, as in recent years, a major theme in the history of the Church, and will continue to represent the Society at work by consisting mainly of papers read and discussed at its Conferences.

It is a pleasure, too, to record our gratitude to Messrs E. J. Brill of Leiden, whose kindness made possible the publication of volumes III, IV and V. We are sorry to part from them, and they from us.

'The Mission of the Church and the Propagation of the Faith' was the theme of the seventh summer meeting (at the University of Sussex) and of the eighth winter meeting of the Society. Most of the papers included in this volume were read at one or the other of these meetings, but three relevant papers from earlier meetings have been added. The papers are arranged in chronological order of subject-matter.

The untimely death of Dr G. S. M. Walker deprived the Society of the opportunity of hearing his communication on St Columban, but fortunately the paper was fully prepared for publication, and we are particularly glad to be able to include it.

We should like to take this opportunity of drawing attention to the parallel study by Professor W. H. C. Frend, 'The Missions of the Early Church, 180-700 A.D.', which is to appear in the Proceedings of the Comité Internationale d'Histoire Ecclésiastique Comparative, Conference of 1968, and complements the papers printed here.

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