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PREFACE

To the Trustees of the Wiles Lectures I owe the honour and privilege of their invitation to deliver these lectures in the Queen's University, Belfast in May 1959, and I should like to express to them my grateful thanks for the opportunity of lecturing on so distinguished a foundation. The terms of the Trust require the lecturer to relate the topics of his specialised researches to wider themes of general interest in his field of study; and to this end a number of scholars expert in cognate subjects are invited in order to submit him to trial by his peers in informal discussion at the end of each lecture. Fortunately for the victim, the ordeal is assuaged by the generous hospitality administered to him at all times outside the actual lectures and discussion. I am particularly grateful to Mr and Mrs Austin Boyd for their kind welcome and entertainment of my wife and myself on the evening of our arrival, to Sir Eric and Lady Ashby who gave an official reception before the first lecture, and to Professors Michael Roberts and J. C. Beckett who cared for all our waking hours from arrival to departure. A Wiles lecturer must needs carry away the liveliest recollections of the cordial reception accorded to him, both on public and private occasions, throughout his stay in Belfast.

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tried to consider various issues raised by a study of ecclesiastical history in relation to their contemporary context, with especial reference to the oecumenical tendencies amongst all Christian Churches at the present time and in prospect of the challenge of totalitarian States. I am most grateful for the criticisms and suggestions made during discussion by visiting scholars and by members of the Queen's University. Amongst the former were the Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge (Professor Herbert Butterfield), Dr S. L. Greenslade, Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Oxford, Dr C. W. Dugmore, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of London, Dr J. M. Barkley, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the Presbyterian College, Belfast, Dr. G. F. Nuttall, Professor of Ecclesiastical History at New College, London, Dr T. M. Parker, Fellow of University College, Oxford, Dr W. H. C. Frend, Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and Dr G. F. A. Best, Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge; whilst among the latter, in addition to the staff of the History Department, were Professors C. F. Carter, T. A. Sinclair, H. W. Rodgers, and also Monsignor Ryan and the Reverend Dr C. B. Daly. Although some of the topics were of a potentially controversial character, the discussions throughout were entirely constructive and eirenic and contributed much to my own edification.

I regret that these lectures went to press before the publication of Mr T. A. Roberts' *History and*

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Christian Apologetic, since otherwise I should have enjoyed breaking a lance with him in respect of his rebuke of my shibboleth in speaking of 'fact plus interpretation', instead of adopting his shibboleth of 'fact plus explanation'. I am greatly indebted to the unwearied patience and perseverance of Mrs J. R. Morgan in typing my manuscript for the press. The Secretary of the Cambridge University Press and the various members of the Printer's staff have shown me their wonted kindness, just as if I had not ceased to enjoy the privilege of membership of the Syndicate.

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