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This 1858 work was the first major publication of William Stubbs (1825–1901), who later became bishop of both Chester and Oxford. Stubbs also published highly respected and influential works on the constitutional history of England and was considered an authority on ecclesiastical history. The present work consists of a thorough chronology of the succession of the bishops of England, beginning with the consecration of Augustine of Canterbury in 597 and continuing up to 1857. Each bishop's entry includes their see, their consecrators and the sources from which this information was drawn. Wherever possible, Stubbs endeavoured to consult the original sources, and thus he was able to present more accurate dates of consecration than were previously available. The appendices include a well-annotated list of suffragan, Manx and Welsh bishops, as well as an index of each bishop, ordered by see.

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P R E F A C E.

THIS Book is offered as a contribution to Ecclesiastical History in the departments of Biography and exact Chronology. Its position in relation to the first of these, though humble, is sufficiently obvious: in regard to the latter it seems to require some apology. This must be found in the fact that it occupies and confines itself to a distinct ground not solely or exclusively appropriated by any similar work, and so is not intended to supersede the labour or to disparage the arrangement of any former collectors. A short notice of the sources of the information contained in it will suffice.

And, first, with regard to the Saxon period. This portion of the Record has been constructed from a comparison of the Ancient Lists of Bishops, with the scanty memoranda of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, Simeon of Durham, Florence of Worcester, and the Annotators. The results of this comparison have been carefully tested by the signatures of the Charters printed in Kemble's Codex Diplomaticus, and additional light has been thrown on them by the Profession Rolls at Canterbury: these valuable evidences, which are available up to the end of the 14th century, are the written declarations of obedience to the Metropolitan Church which were made by each Bishop at his consecration.

The later portion of the Record, from the consecration of Parker downwards, is an abstract of the records of the provinces of Canterbury and

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York, which are lodged at Lambeth, the Vicar General's office in Doctors' Commons, and at York.

The second or medieval portion is a careful compilation, now for the first time attempted, from all the accessible sources. Of these sources a list will be given. A few general remarks on them may not be out of place or useless to students of the same subjects.

And first, as most accessible, stand the Collections towards English Church History, in which class the "Antiquitates" of Parker and Josselein, Godwin "de Præsulibus," Wharton's "Anglia Sacra," and Le Neve's "Fasti," are text books.

Next, and indispensably necessary to one who would refer to original records, are the unrivalled Manuscript Collections of Henry Wharton at Lambeth. This wonderful man died in 1695, at the age of 30, having done for the elucidation of English Church History (itself but one of the branches of study in which he was the most eminent scholar of his time) more than any one before or since. Contemporary and apparently in frequent communication with him was Matthew Hutton of Aynho, (he died in 1711,) whose valuable Collections are in the Harleian Library. They contain, among other transcripts, copies of several volumes of Wharton's MSS.

Bishop Kennett seems to have transcribed and digested the Collections of both these on ecclesiastical subjects, with additions from his own reading. These are in the Lansdowne Collection.

It was at first attempted to construct a Chronological Table from the above authorities, in conjunction with the printed Chronicles. But the many discrepancies of the latter, and the imperfect notes of the Collectors, who not collecting for this branch of the subject in particular, seldom exhausted their authorities or quoted them exactly, determined the editor to have recourse to original documentary evidence, and nowhere, if possible, to commit himself to a statement on second-hand testimony. With this view he has consulted a large number of the Registers and Records of various sees, and as many of the Chronicles preserved in Manuscript in our National and Academic libraries, as seemed likely to afford any information. With respect to the Chronicles, a list of those from which information

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was actually gained, will be enough. Of the Episcopal Registers to be found in the several Cathedrals, which are of course less accessible, the chief features are these :

Every Bishop kept (and still keeps) a register of all his official acts. The first page generally contains the account of his consecration or appointment ; then follow the bulls and other privileges which he received from the Popes. The bulk of each volume is occupied with the records of institutions to benefices, acts of consistory courts, and lists of persons ordained ; to which in many instances important wills are annexed. This may be considered as an adequate description of the general run of registers. There are however frequent exceptions. Those of Canterbury and York contain proceedings with the Suffragans, records of Convocations and Councils, and a vast number of letters on public business. The Register of William of Wykeham is the model of the record of a statesman Bishop, and a most valuable storehouse of notices of public interest, summonses to Parliament, and miscellaneous official and personal acts. Others contain copies of more ancient documents, which were perishing when transcribed, and are now lost. Nor are the materials only worthy of remark ; the arrangement also is various : some are patterns of neatness, especially the early ones of York, and those of Winchester generally ; others are confused and scanty, the Canterbury ones being by no means the best, which is very unfortunate, considering their importance. Several are lost, among them the larger portion of Cardinal Beaufort's, which seems to have come after his death into the King's hands and may possibly be found some day. It must have contained very much of historical importance at a period not much illustrated by historians, and especially on the subject before us. The condition however of the existing ones is very good, and altogether they form a curious and by no means exhausted mine of information to a careful inquirer.

From these and similar sources the following tables are framed : in most cases the evidence they afford is direct and particular, in some few the date and circumstances have to be derived from indirect indications. These (which are in the text printed in *Italics*) will be found chiefly during the troubled times of Richard II, when, notwithstanding the statute of

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Provisors, each appointment of a Bishop received its confirmation at Rome, where most, if not all, of the unrecorded consecrations probably took place: others during the wars of the Roses, and up to the close of the 15th century. For the latter period the dates have been fixed with reference, 1st, to the time at which the licences for consecration were issued by the Convent of Canterbury, which in most cases was during the week preceding the appointed Sunday: 2nd, to such scattered notices of the filling up of preferments vacated by consecration as could be found in various Registers; and 3rd, to the computation of the pontifical years of the several Bishops as given in existing Instruments. It is hoped that in all these cases the dates given will be found correct when examined by the light of further evidence. Similar historical and chronological tests have been applied to every date in this portion of the Record, and if the results in some instances are different from those given by older authorities, no particular has been set down without careful calculation and consideration.

The thanks of the Editor are offered to all who have kindly procured him access to Records, especially to Felix Knyvett, Esq. of Lambeth, the Rev. A. P. Stanley and the Hon. D. Finch of Canterbury, the authorities at the Vicar General's office and S. Paul's, Mr. Wooldridge of Winchester, Chancellors Harrington of Exeter and Melvill of S. David's, Egerton V. Harcourt, Esq., and the Rev. W. V. Harcourt of York, the Rev. J. Raine, Junior, of Durham, the Rev. Geo. Gilbert of Grantham, the Bishop of Carlisle, W. T. Alchin, Esq., and the Deputy Registrars of Worcester, Hereford, Lichfield, Chichester, Rochester, Norwich, Wells, and Salisbury.

It is perhaps necessary to add, that throughout the work the beginning of the year is placed on the first of January.

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 Machyn's Diary. 1847.</p> <p><i>f.</i> Surtees' Society. Durham.
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 <i>p.</i> Letters of Lanfranc. Paris, 1854.
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 <i>t.</i> Ordericus Vitalis. Paris, 1619.
 <i>u.</i> <i>Chronicon Manniæ</i>. Copenhagen, 1786.
 <i>v.</i> Langebek, <i>Scriptores Rerum Danicarum</i>. Copenhagen, 1774, &c.</p> |
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| Annals 1195-1316 | Add. B. M. 5444. |
| — 1307-1339 (Chandos) | Lansd. 791. |
| — of Tewkesbury | Cotton. Cleop. A. 7. |
| — of Dover | Cotton. Julius. D. 5. |
| — of Lewes | Cotton. Tiberius. A. 10. |
| — of Haghebie | Cotton. Vespasian. B. 11. |
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| — of Southwark | Cotton. Faustina. A. 8. |
| — of Rochester and
S. Bennet of Hulme | } Cotton. Nero. D. 2. |
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| Polisto of Canterbury | Harl. 636. |
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Lambeth MS. 244)	Courtenay.	* Dean. (Ditto.)
Reynolds.	Arundel.	Warham. (Ditto.)
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Islip.	Stafford.	Cranmer, &c. down
Langham.	Kemp.	to the end of Potter.

(2) Vicar General's Office, Doctors' Commons. From Herring to the present time.

2. Prior and Convent.

- (1) Rolls of professions of obedience made by the Bishops at their consecration, frequently endorsed with the date and circumstances of the consecration.
- (2) Letters of licence to Bishops elect to be consecrated out of the Metropolitan Church, to which the privilege was secured by immemorial usage and charters of S. Thomas and S. Edmund.
- (3) Miscellaneous Letters on the same subject.
- (4) Registers containing copies of the above, and other memoranda.
- (5) Registers of the Acts of the Prior and Convent during vacancies of the see.

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Gravesend.	Clifford.	Kemp.	Fitz James.
Sudbury.	Kemp.	Hill.	Tunstall.
Courtenay.	Gray.	Savage.	Stokesley.
Braybrook.	Fitzhugh.	Warham.	Bonner.

2. Dean and Chapter. MSS. Hutton. Harl. 6955, 6956.

III. Winchester. Bishops. Begin 1282.

Pontoise.	Stratford.	Beaufort.	Langton.
Woodlock.	Orlton.	Wainfleet.	Fox.
Sendale.	Edendon.	Courtenay.	Gardiner.
Asser.	Wykeham.		

An elaborate Index of the Winchester Registers made by W. T. Alchin, Esq., of the City of London Library, is in that gentleman's possession.

* The Editor, when searching for the Will of Bishop Wells of Sidon, was so fortunate as to discover the portion of Archbishop Dean's Register which contains the Bulls of his appointment and his proceedings with the Suf-fragans, in the Book "Blamyr" in the Prerogative Office. The existence of this fragment appears to have been unknown to Godwin, Wharton and Le Neve, and had probably never been noticed by Antiquaries, although duly entered in the Catalogue of Wills.

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| | De Lisle. | Fordham. | Gray. | West. |
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| VIII. Salisbury. | Bishops. | Reg. Neville and Blyth. The Registers begin in 1297. Abstracts, Harl. 6979 and 80. | | |
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| | Bek. (Also Harl. 4720.) | Spencer. | Alnwick. | Nykke. |
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| | Gainsbrough. | Thoresby. | Peverell. | Medicis. |
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| XII. Hereford. | Bishops. | Begin 1275. | | |
| | Cantilupe. | Courtenay. | Spofford. | Audley. |
| | Swinfield. | Gilbert. | Beauchamp. | Castello. |
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There are extracts by Mr. Reynolds, registrar, communicated by Adam Ottley to Henry Wharton, MS. Lamb. 585, also Harleian 4056 and 6979.

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Giffard.	Melton.	Scroop.	Rotherham.
Wickwane.	Zouch.	Bowet.	Savage.
Romain.	Thoresby.	Kemp.	Bainbridge.
Newark.	Neville.	Booth.	Wolsey.
Corbridge.	Arundel.	Neville.	Lee.

2. Dean and Chapter.

- (1) Acta Capituli, from the close of the thirteenth century.
- (2) Registrum Magnum Album; a great collection of documents, precedents, and charters. A similar volume of smaller size is in the British Museum; MS. Lansdowne. 402.
- (3) Register during the vacancies of the see. A copy of part of this in MS. Galba. E. 10.

M. Hutton (MS. 6969-6972) made an imperfect abstract of the York Registers. Also Dodsworth. Bodl. MS. MS. Cotton. Vitellius. A. 2. contains Constitutiones Eccl. Ebor.

XVI. Carlisle. Bishops. Begin 1292.

Halton.	Ross.	Kirkby.	Welton.	Appleby.
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The rest of the Registers before the Reformation are lost. Extracts made at the end of the 16th century by Bishop Robinson are in MS. Lansdowne 721.

XVII. The Registers of Durham also are mostly lost: nor have the existing ones, which have been examined very kindly by the Rev. James Raine, junior, furnished any information for the present work. They are those of Kellaw, Bury, Hatfield, Langley, Fox and Tunstall.

XVIII. Those of S. David's, extracts from which are in MS. Tanner. Bodl. 145, began in 1397, but are lost: nor have the other Welsh Cathedrals any remains of the Records before the 16th century. Bangor begin 1512, S. Asaph 1538, Llandaff 1660.

The Liber Landavensis, an ancient Register of Llandaff, is printed by the Welsh Manuscripts Society. Llandoverly, 1840.

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Chr. S.	Saxon Chronicle.
G. P.	Gesta Pontificum.
C. between the name and the See	Cardinal.
A. S. C.	Anglo-Saxon Chronicle.
A. O.	Athenæ Oxonienses.
A. S.	Anglia Sacra.
C. D.	Codex Diplomaticus.
P. R. C.	Profession Roll, Canterbury.
d.	died.
res.	resigned.
dep.	deposed.
P. A.	Protestant Archbishops.
Perceval, A. S. . .	Perceval on the Apostolical Succession.
Reg. P. & C. . . .	Register of Prior and Convent.
Reg. D. & C. . . .	Register of Dean and Chapter.
Subs.	Subscriptions to Charters in the Codex Diplomaticus.
F. Wig.	Florence of Worcester.
S. D.	Simeon of Durham.

N. B. In the column of Consecrators, the see of the Archbishop of Canterbury is not expressed, only the Christian name. The common plan of denoting a Bishop by placing his Christian name before the modern name of his see, has been adopted for convenience. The Editor, however, gives no opinion as to the propriety of the usage.

In all cases in which only one name appears in the column of Consecrators, it is to be understood that at least two other Bishops joined in the rite, whose names are not given by the Authorities, but implied in the general formula "assistentibus aliis Episcopis," which for the sake of brevity is omitted.