

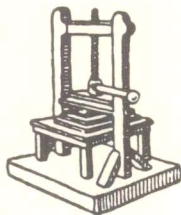
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PREFACE

THE purpose and scope of this volume (which is founded on a course of lectures delivered at Oxford in 1910) are explained sufficiently in the introductory chapter. I have added an appendix of short chronicles and historical pieces, which, with some partial exceptions, have not hitherto been printed. Their primary object is to illustrate the text; thus the interest of some of them is mainly textual or literary; but others, as notably the *Northern Chronicle* and the *Sherborne Annals*, have an intrinsic value of their own. They are all too short to have obtained independent publication; their usefulness will, I hope, be increased by their collection in the same place.

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