PREFACE.

THE only merit claimed for this Work, is due to the industry required for the compilation of the materials of which it is principally composed, and the care bestowed upon its preparation for, and progress through the Press.

The motive which induced its publication, was a desire to preserve in a compact and more permanent form, than that in which they already existed, the various documents, which had from time to time appeared in the public Journals, connected with the establishment of this noble institution and the several interesting ceremonies which have marked its progress.

Such a memorial of their Christian exertions on behalf of Religious education, and of the untiring and successful championship of our Venerable Diocesan, it was hoped, would prove acceptable to the promoters of the enterprise in the Province, and the Church at large.

In connecting the narrative of these interesting circumstances, it was impossible to avoid all comment on the causes which instigated the movement for the establishment of a Church University, or the obstacles which have been

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