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PREFACE
TO
THE SEVENTH VOLUME.

SINCE the greater part of this volume was printed off, Mr. JAMES CHRISTIE, in addition to the information about Alexander Leighton to which I have referred in a note to p. 145, has been so good as to place at my disposal the result of his further investigations. It appears from the answer to an inquiry addressed by him to Dr. Du Rieu, the librarian of the University of Leyden, that the following entry occurs in the books under the date of September 9, 1617 :—"Alexander Lichton Anglus, Londiniensis, candidatus medicinæ." From this it follows that I was quite wrong in saying, as I have done at p. 143, that 'it is probable that he fled' from Scotland 'like Calderwood, to avoid submission to the innovations of James,' if these words are taken, as I intended, to imply a flight in consequence of the Articles of Perth, which were only voted in 1618. The description of Leighton as an Englishman of London implies that he had left Scotland for some time before 1617. Mr. CHRISTIE has also pointed out to me another piece of evidence which shows that this was the case. In *Harl. MSS.* 7004, Art. 71, is an undated petition from Leighton, not