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IN laying this remarkable work before the English reader, the translator conceives it may not be superfluous to indicate the object which the noble author had in view in thus exposing the immoral effects of the system of Catholicism, so conspicuous in the invention and practice of Auricular Confession. To do so, the translator has only to give the following quotation from the present volume :—

“ If to present to the knowledge of the public detestable opinions and principles, be an opprobrium to some persons, it will, on the contrary, be a salutary warning to all, and the only means of putting a stop to causes of depravity, the more dangerous as they are disseminated quietly and under the cloak of religion : it will be a motive for too confiding and over-credulous persons to keep clear of an institution invented for the pur-