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## EDITOR'S PREFACE

MY work has been principally that of verifying and correcting references. There are however some, chiefly very short ones and of minor importance, which I have failed to discover, and these I have left as the author put them. The only important changes relate to SS. Anselm and Bonaventure; to the former has been attributed a work probably written by his nephew, and to the latter the writings of an unknown author. Here, then, the citations must be taken as simple witnesses to contemporary, or nearly contemporary thought, although they cannot claim the additional value arising from connection with those two honoured names. I have substituted a clearer and more decisive passage from St Bernard's letter to the canons of Lyons in place of that originally given. The notes and additions prepared by the author himself for a second edition I have put in as directed.

D. I.





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## INTRODUCTION

IN the published "Letters of Archbishop Ullathorne" it is recorded (pp. 57 seqq.) that his admirable book on the Immaculate Conception was written in the year 1854, in the intervals of leisure which the author was able to find during the course of the canonical visitation of his diocese. It was first published in the early part of 1855. So great was the demand for it that it was reprinted several times from stereotyped plates. The author however contemplated a thorough revision of the book with emendations and considerable additions. He commenced the task, but did not complete it.

The Jubilee of the definition of the Immaculate Conception has created a demand for a fresh issue of this valuable work; and it has seemed good to complete, as far as possible, the revision which the author took in hand but left unfinished. I have entrusted this work to the Very Rev. Canon Iles; and he has expended upon it a considerable amount of time and patient labour. Although he has not succeeded to his entire satisfaction in verifying all the quotations, yet what he has accomplished will considerably enhance the value of the book.

In its revised form I hope that the intention and desire of its eminent author may be fulfilled in further promoting the devotion of our people to the Immaculate Mother of God.

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*Oscott, August 5, 1904.*