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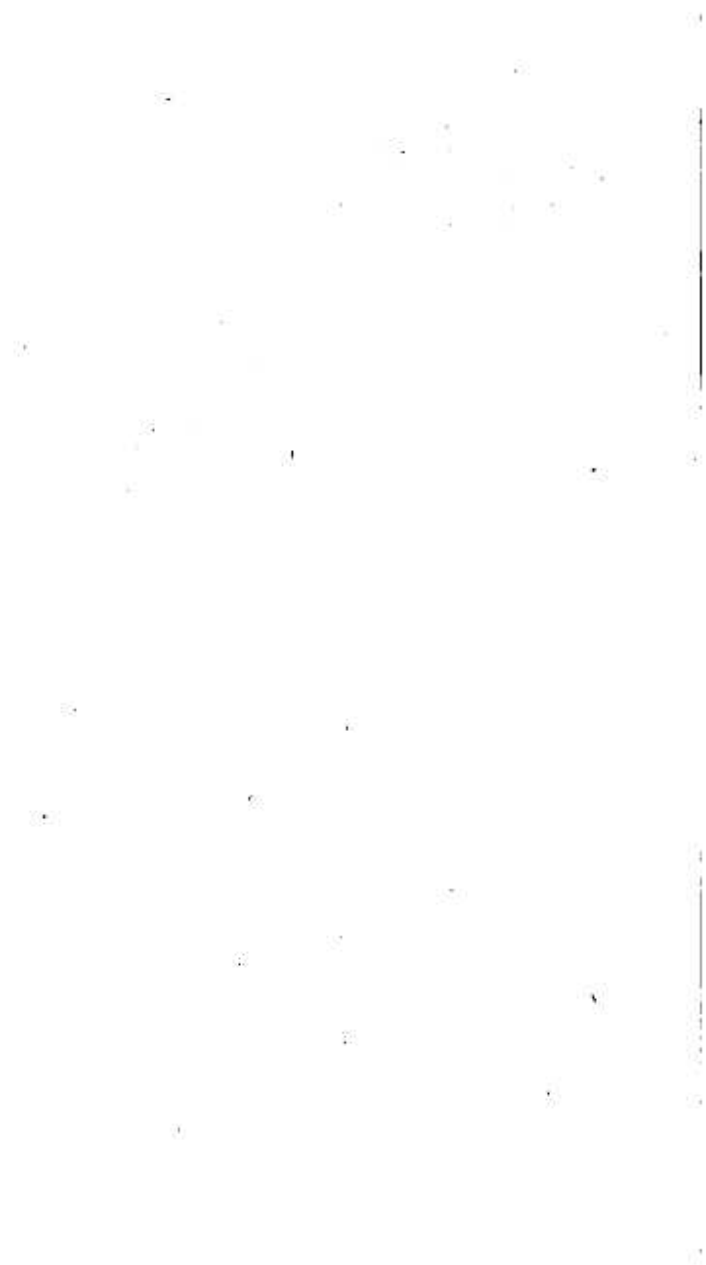
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PREFACE.

IN consequence of the tracts on the Jesuits and other of my smaller publications being nearly all sold, I have determined to reproduce them, with additions and alterations, in a single volume.

Catholics in Ireland and England are not fond of "tracts," and especially is this observable in the case of the "Clifton tracts," which in single numbers have hardly any sale, while in the volume form there is still a moderate sale. Considering the fact that Protestants of all kinds, and in particular, Ritualists, do gain numerous adherents to their views by means of "tracts," I am sorry Catholics should not appreciate a weapon which their opponents use to advantage. The fact that the old heathen, Aristotle, has been so valuable to Catholics, is a lasting proof

that we may learn from non-Catholics how to turn neutral or opposing forces to account. However, in my particular case, I must thank Catholics for the encouragement I have received from them, and hope that now I have taken away from my former readers the necessity of alluding to tracts on the Jesuits, etc., I shall find my old supporters will once again aid me in my attempts to give antidotes to the daily falsehoods of the London Press.

The "Tablet" for June 14th, 1879, favourably mentioned my tracts on the Jesuits, but added: "We might suggest a little more polish in the style of the shorter tracts. . . . Their information is large, while their logic is often very effective."

I can, when necessity requires, write as sedately as the Seer of Printing House-square could desire, but I have come to the conclusion that plain Saxon, though it may sometimes offend polite ears, yet sticks in the memory; and as my intention has never been to please, but always to make enemies—remember the Catholic side of the questions of the day—I am willing to lessen polish if I can gain adherents.

ELMHURST, FAREHAM,
March, 1874.



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DESIGNS.

THE foundation-stone whereon Protestantism has been erected is "Liberty of Conscience, the Right of Private Judgment." What a base lie it is for Protestants to profess such liberty of conscience, and yet deny it to those whose ideas are different from their own! What right has any man who calls himself a Liberal, what right has any man who says his religion is based on the right of private judgment, to declare that there shall be no such liberty for those thousands, yea, millions of Christians who are known by the name of Catholics? The present persecution of the Jesuits is the work of the "kings of the earth!" of those who