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FREDERICK W. FABER,
PRIEST OF THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERL.





Ecce Maria crat spes nostra, ad quam confuginus in auxilium, ut liberaret nos, et venit in adjutorium nobis.

Antiph. Ecclesia.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF ARUNDEL AND SURREY,

THIS LITTLE BOOK

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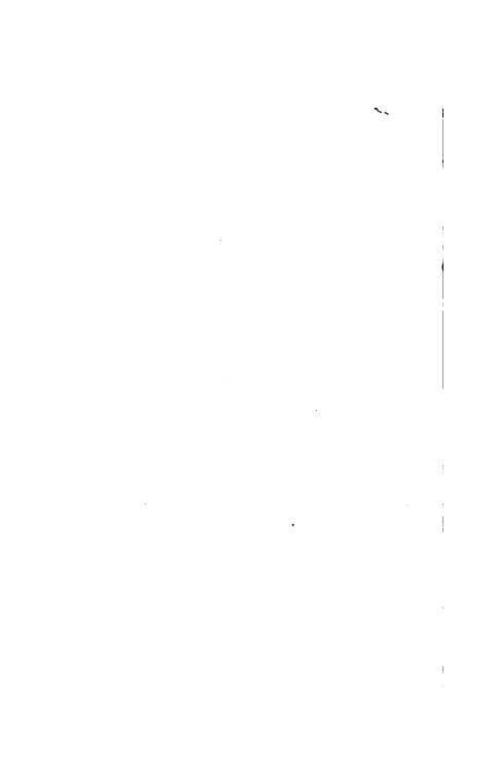
WITH THE BELIEF THAT TO HIM

IT WILL BE THE TRUEST TOKEN

OF GRATITUDE FOR SO MANY KINDNESSES

THUS TO CONNECT HIS HONOURED NAME

WITH OUR DEAR ST. PHILIP.



PREFACE

THE following Hymns do not, as will be seen, form anything like a perfect collection, but are given as a specimen of a much larger and more complete work. The Author has had a double end in view in the composition of them; first, to furnish some simple and original hymns for singing in Catholic churches; secondly, to provide English Catholics with a hymn-book for reading, in the simplest and least involved metres: and both these objects have not unfrequently required considerable sacrifice in a literary point of view.

When God raised up our dear and blessed Father St. Philip, St. Ignatius, and St. Theresa, and gave them to His Church, just as the heresy of Protestantism was beginning to devastate the world, those three Saints seem to have had distinct departments assigned to them. All of them, each in a different way, met the subjectivity, the self-introverted habit of mind, which was then coming uppermost, and thus rendered modern Catholicism the great object of our study and the model for our imitation, as being peculiarly fashioned, and that by the hands of Saints, for the warfare of these latter ages. St. Theresa represents the common sense, the discreet enthusiasm, of devotion and the interior life, which distinguishes Catholic asceticism and the mysticism of the Saints from the fanatical vagaries of the heretics. St. Ignatius, without debarring his children from any field of labour, took in a special way the education of Europe and the evangelization of distant lands for his department, and