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PREFACE.

MY conversion to the Catholic Church has doubtless called forth much astonishment and attracted manifold adverse criticism, as every result of a hidden development which comes to light unexpectedly is bound to do. I must not be indifferent to this, and am conscious of a duty to report how it has come to pass. It is not agreeable to speak so much about oneself, or to expose such *experiences* of the inner life to publicity. I have therefore lingered as briefly as possible on these points, and have given rather fuller space to the *knowledge* which I have gained.

It is not a theological work, or a Catholic book of instruction that I offer—as an historian I do not feel this to be in my province—but only a simple word-picture of the image under which the Catholic Church represents herself to me through experience, observation, and study.

The prospect of meeting sharp attacks cannot keep me back from sketching this outline; for I believe I possess unconditional warrants for the truth of the sublime subject which it represents.

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