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P R E F A C E.

“ IN the person of his Eminence [Dr. Wiseman] is recognised, not only a Prince of the Church, but the illustrious head of the Hierarchy of England; the people of Ireland also recognise a champion of whom [Roman] Catholic Europe is proud.”

Such is the testimony of a leading London Romish newspaper, *The Weekly Register and Catholic Telegraph*, of the 28th of August, 1858.

There is no doubt that Dr. Wiseman has the reputation of being a learned man, and on a merely superficial examination of his controversial works, we cannot be surprised that he should pass as such; for he appears to possess an extensive knowledge of the writings of the early Christian divines, commonly called the “Fathers of the Church.” In the character of “Champion” of Romanism, he has undertaken to establish by the testimony of these Fathers, the antiquity and apostolicity of the peculiar “doctrines and practices” of his Church, against which we, the children of the Reformation, protest.

The *object*, then, of the following letters, addressed to Dr. Wiseman (reprinted from the *National Standard* and *Dublin Warder*), is to prove:

First: That whenever Dr. Wiseman seeks to esta-

blish his case as founded on the testimony of antiquity, these very Fathers are, with few and unimportant exceptions, misquoted or misrepresented.

And, secondly: That Dr. Wiseman, practically and personally, knows nothing of the writers he so confidently, and with such apparent erudition, cites: or, if we give him credit for a *knowledge* of the authors from whom he quotes, we have a very unpleasant inference forced upon us. It is, however, a matter of opinion with some persons, in what character they would prefer to appear before the public, under the circumstances in which Dr. Wiseman is now placed.

The *subject* derives importance, therefore, from the fact, that it exhibits the chief functionary of the Papal Church in this country, a **CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP**, in a very equivocal light.

As legitimately coming within the scope of the title I have adopted, I have added my "**POPISH FRAUDS EXEMPLIFIED IN DR. WISEMAN'S LECTURE ON PURGATORY,**" the former edition being out of print. In this, the reader must be prepared to find a few repetitions, which, under the circumstances, could not be avoided.

I would wish it to be observed, that the examples adduced of Dr. Wiseman's "**POPISH LITERARY BLUNDERS,**" are samples, merely, of similar misquotations and misrepresentations, plentifully dispersed throughout his controversial works.

C. H. COLLETTE.

Lincoln's Inn-fields, Dec. 1859.

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- p. 41, note 1, line 1, "manifestam."
 67, note 2, line 10, for "ut" read "est;" line 12, "portamur."
 68, note 1, line 4, for "ἀνθρώπων" read "ἀνθρώπων."
 73, line 24, "fideles."
 90, line 2, for [], place (); note 1, line 12, "quibus."
 97, line 23, "Scripturis."
 102, line 22, "thou deniest," read "thou affirmest."
 110, note 1, line 7, "nos omnia."
 111, note 2, line 2, "rapacitatem;" note 3 for "et," read "ad."
 114, line 22, for "ete," read "et e."
 118, note 1, "divinam"—"homines edocent"—"excogitari"—"sed
 Di"—"Immortalis."
 124, line 15, "shall not depart."
 132, note 1, line 3, "occidit;" line 16, "perstringamus."
 160, note 2, line 2, "specialmente."
 209, note 1, lines 1 and 5, "penitentiae," line 8, "delictis."