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AUTHOR'S FOREWORD

Several of the papers in this volume—"St Francis and You," "The Working-man's Apostolate," "The Priest and Social Reform" and "The Idea of Responsibility"—have already appeared as pamphlets or as articles in magazines. I have to thank the Editors of the "Catholic World," the "Tablet" and the "Weekly Register" for their kind permission to reprint these articles.

Throughout these papers the reader will perceive a unity of thought and purpose. My desire has been to give expression to the Catholic mind touching some of the most urgent questions of the hour in regard to social life and conduct. I have written not for the student or specialist, but for the ordinary intelligent

wayfarer whom these questions concern.

FATHER CUTHBERT.

Crawley, March 12, 1904.

Archbishop's House, Westminster, S.W.

DEAR F. CUTHBERT.—I am very glad to learn that the first edition of your book "Catholic Ideals in Social Life" is already exhausted and that many copies of the second edition will be sold as soon as it appears. Social problems are not less urgent or nearer settlement in our midst than they are elsewhere, and Catholics in England must face these questions and give all the aid they can in finding a satisfactory answer to them.

You have endeavoured to find in Catholic tradition and in the teaching of the Supreme Rulers of the Catholic Church the solution of many of the difficulties which confront all those who feel interest in these matters and who are striving to heal the social evils of the day. Under your guidance Catholics are able to gauge the extent, and

to learn the remedies, of these evils.

May your book have a wide circulation and awaken among us a hearty desire in all classes of society to face and to overcome the perils which surround us, by a firm adherence to the teaching of the Gospel both in public and in private life.

Believe me, dear F. Cuthbert, Your devoted servant in Christ,

+ FRANCIS,

January 15, 1905.

Archbishop of Westminster.

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