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TO

THE REV. BIRD WILSON, D.D.,

PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY IN THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH;

THE BENEFIT OF WHOSE EXTENSIVE LEARNING AND SOUND
JUDGMENT, CONSTANTLY SHOWN IN HIS VALUABLE INSTRUCTIONS,
THE INSTITUTION HAS LONG ENJOYED; AND
WHOSE UNIFORM KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP WILL
ALWAYS BE GRATEFULLY REMEMBERED BY
THE WRITER;

THIS ESSAY,

IN THE HOPE THAT THE GENERAL VIEW TAKEN OF THE SUBJECT
WILL MEET WITH HIS APPROVAL,

IS MOST RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,

BY

HIS AFFECTIONATE FRIEND AND BROTHER,

THE AUTHOR.



P R E F A C E.

As the publication of an Essay on our Lord's discourse recorded in the sixth chapter of St. John may seem to be unnecessary, I think proper to state to the reader some of the reasons which led me to prepare the following treatise.

In lecturing on this Gospel to the theological students under my care, my attention was directed, more than a year ago, by one of them to the Lectures on the Real Presence by NICHOLAS WISEMAN, D.D., the first four professing to prove that doctrine, as it is maintained by the Church of Rome, by an appeal to this chapter. These Lectures, as the preface informs us, were "several times delivered in the English College at Rome, as a portion of the theological course" of instruction there given. On returning to England, the author was induced to publish them, with the intention of doing "ample justice to the line of argument which he had pursued in" certain other lectures, and in order "more fully to develop and justify by proofs the Catholic arguments for the Real Presence." Their repeated delivery at

Rome, and their publication in England, with such views and expectations, sanctioned the presumption that the greatest care had been taken to secure soundness in reasoning and minute correctness in statements. What farther tended to confirm in me this supposition, was information communicated by the same individual, that Dr. Wiseman's book had made a strong impression on the minds of a few most estimable persons well known to him. I was thus led to read the work in question, and its perusal determined me to write the following pages, which will put the reader in possession of some reasons for the opinion which I was compelled to form of the book. I was surprised that any intelligent scholar of respectable acquirements in theology should attach much importance to it as a work of reasoning, and also that a person so distinguished by his own Church should have made such palpably erroneous statements as the Lectures furnish. I have pointed out some which had escaped the notice of Dr. TURTON,* one of the author's English opponents. I

* His book bears the following title: *The Roman Catholic Doctrine of the Eucharist considered, in reply to Dr. Wiseman's Argument from Scripture.* By THOMAS TURTON, D.D., Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, and Dean of Peterborough, Cambridge, 1837, 8vo. To this work and some smaller treatises, Dr. Wiseman published a reply, dated London, 1839, 8vo.

had no knowledge of this gentleman's publication in reply to the Lectures until I had nearly completed my Essay; and a subsequent examination of it, and also of Dr. Wiseman's answer, and of a still later production by the venerable FABER,* suggested no sufficient reason to induce me to alter the plan of my treatise, or to modify my views either of the Lectures themselves, or of the discourse of our Lord which they profess to explain.

An examination of the four Lectures on this discourse very naturally strengthened an inclination which I had for a considerable time entertained, of writing an exposition of the discourse itself. To exhibit what I conceive to be its true sense and object, is the main design of the Essay, which is intended to be exegetical; and in controverting some views of Dr. Wiseman, my design is chiefly to prepare the way for a proper development of our Lord's meaning. The result is now presented to the reader in this little volume, with the earnest wish and prayer, that a feeble effort to advance the glory of God by an attempt to show the true meaning of a part of his most Holy Word may be accompanied by his blessing.

* Christ's Discourse at Capernaum fatal to the Doctrine of Transubstantiation, &c. By GEORGE STANLEY FABER, B.D., Master of Sherburn Hospital, and Prebendary of Salisbury, 8vo, London, 1840.