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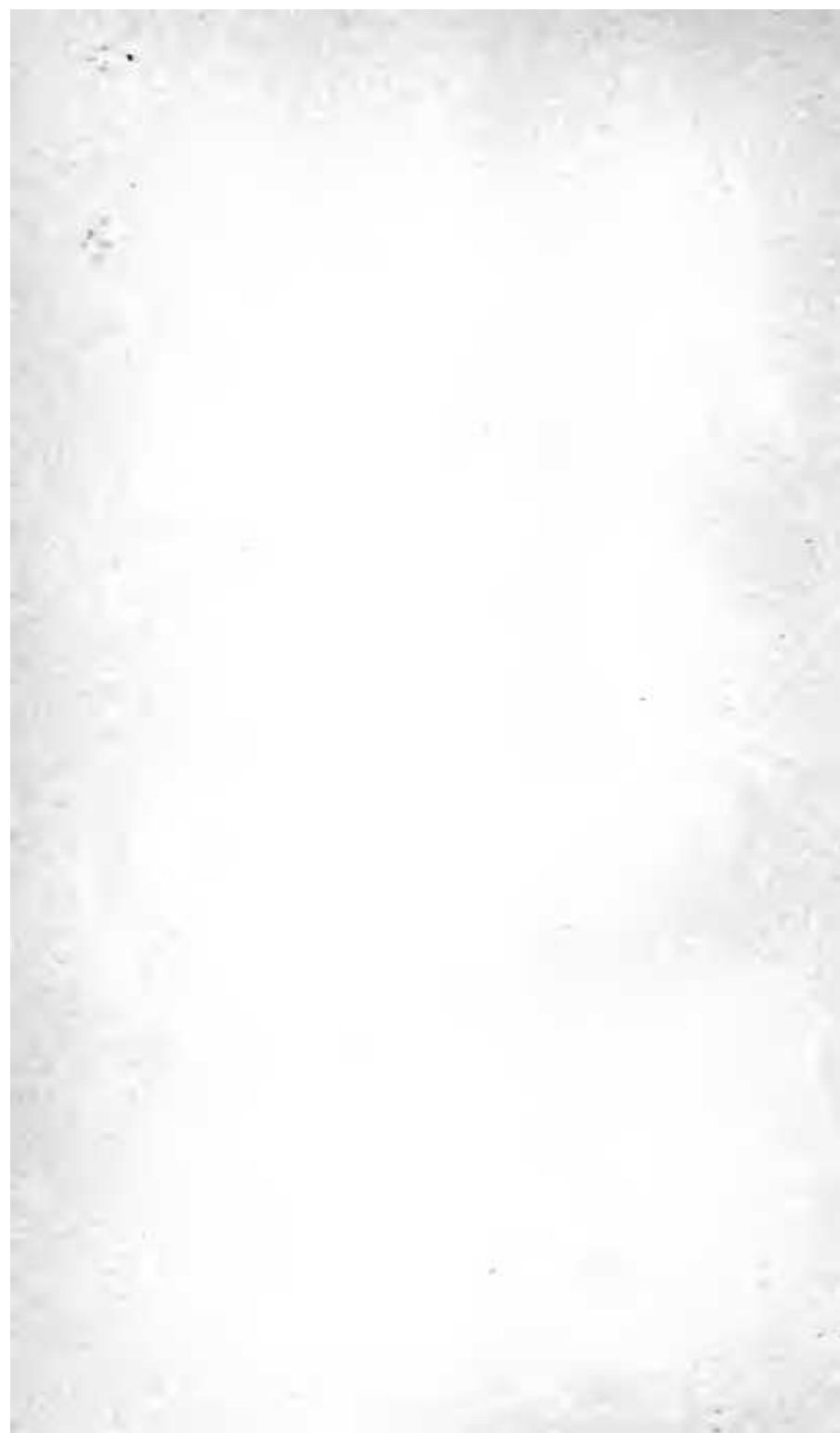
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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

**W**HILE the "Talks to Boys" were appearing in *THE QUEEN'S WORK*, the writer frequently received letters from boy friends, telling him that they had read his "stories" with profit. Their use of the word "stories" was especially pleasing criticism, since it indicated that they had seized the writer's point of view in these little talks—namely, by means of parables taken from the daily life and experiences of a boy, to urge him on, in a natural way, to the use of his supernatural advantages.

The talks are not, therefore, to be taken as a complete guide to the spiritual life. The boys to whom they are addressed are already thoroughly instructed in their religion by capable teachers and professors in Catholic schools and colleges. And these talks are designed simply to have the boy realize the importance of doing for himself with God's help, what he has been so well taught by others. To put it figuratively, the big engine is on the rails, ready to start away, and to keep the wheels from slipping, the "stories" will, it is hoped, prove to be a little sand on the track.

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