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## PREFACE

It has been my aim in writing the following pages to get at principles rather than to give rules; to treat the subject, that is, from the religious point of view in order to reach the foundation necessary for efficiency in practice. It has not seemed to me necessary to insert more than a few typical illustrations drawn from personal observation, but I do not think that I have in any case made a general statement without having at least one definite instance of its truth in my mind as I wrote.

I have written in the hope that I may at least do something to enable the clergy to realise the extreme difficulty of the work of Charity, and the necessity for study and training for success in any of its branches. Even more saddening than the harm done by well-intentioned ignorance, is the thought of what might be done by tremendous forces at the disposal of the Church, which at present are well-nigh unused. The day will come, I hope, when the clergy will realise the necessity of an education in social

work as the result of a more scientific treatment of Pastoral Theology. Is it premature to suggest that, just as pupil teachers attend training centres and visit practising schools, so the clergy during the period of their diaconate (which might if necessary be extended) should be encouraged to attend a course of lectures in social science, and to take part in practical work under suitable guidance? The gain to the Church, and to the poor, would be immense.

I have to thank all those with whom I have been associated in charitable work for the help, direct and indirect, that I have received from them. Especially would I acknowledge my indebtedness to the London Charity Organisation Society. Till I learned from it, all my efforts seemed to be directed to the detection of imposture; it was by working in the office of one of its District Committees that I realised how, in co-operation with others, it is possible to grapple with distress at close quarters, to relieve it, and to cure it.

C. F. R.



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