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WITH A

LIST OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CATHOLIC WORKS OF  
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## PREFACE.

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This list is designed to furnish a guide to the study of the churches and religious denominations of the United States. This purpose is best served by a selected list rather than by a complete bibliography. It aims to present to the student, in systematic form, references to the best books on the history, doctrines and polity of each church. Wherever year-books or journals of conferences are published by a denomination or in its interest, these are recorded as furnishing valuable statistical information. A few of the most eminent or most representative weekly journals and the leading church reviews are included. In all cases where obtainable, publisher, place and date of publication and price have been given.

It is thought that this little list will be of value to clergymen, theological seminaries and Christian workers generally. In attempting to give to each student a list that will not only help him to understand his own denomination better, but will guide him to the best that has been written about other denominations, my underlying purpose has been to contribute something to church union, and still more to Christian unity.

Attention is called to the appendix, in which is given a very excellent list of the most important Catholic books of the world. It would be a little aside from the plan of my work to include these books in my list, which is strictly confined to the United States. Feeling, as I did, that my list, which on this church includes only American publications, would inadequately represent its splendid literature, I was fortunate in interesting Father McMahon

in my work, and in inducing him to prepare the list which he has given.

In making this compilation I have made use of the bibliographical helps mentioned elsewhere. Of these, I have probably derived most help from those scattered through the volumes of the American Church History Series, and especially from the alphabetical list compiled by Samuel Macauley Jackson, D. D., which is given in volume 12 of that series. The work on my list was mostly done at the New York State Library at Albany, which has a good collection of books on American religious history.

Material about the smaller denominations has been hard to obtain since records of their books do not often appear in the trade bibliographies. In the case of many of them I have been able to give fairly good lists, and this has been made possible by the ready response of denominational publishers who have sent me books, and clergymen who have sent me manuscript bibliographies of their denominations.

For help in my work, then, I am indebted to a large number of clergymen and publishers all over this country. Even though I do not here mention them, to each of them I am thankful.

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#### NOTE.

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The order of arrangement is such that allied bodies are grouped together under the most general heading, *e. g.*, Seventh-day Baptists are grouped with Baptists instead of being put in strict alphabetical order after the Shakers. By entering denominations under their various headings in the index each one may be readily found. The general sources of information, such as bibliographies and other books of reference, are given first.





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