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A WORD TO THE READER.

THIS little book has been the most widely circulated of all Father Grou's writings. Forty editions in French, and, including the present version, four translations into English, show that it, indeed, has been well known ; yet to-day there is no reliable edition in print, so that some of those who take it up will meet with it for the first time. A few words about it and its author may not, therefore, be amiss. It was published for the first time at Paris in 1788, and is the second in order of time of Father Grou's ascetic writings, being preceded in 1786 by *Morale tirée des Confessions de Saint Augustin*. It was translated into English by Father Alexander Clinton, S.J., who was chaplain at Lullworth Castle, where Father Grou spent the