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TO
THE FAITHFUL IN CHRIST JESUS,
LIVING IN THE
DISTRICT OF KINGSLEY-WITH-NEWTON,

IN THE
County Palatine of Chester,

THESE PAGES ARE INSCRIBED BY THEIR FAITHFUL FRIEND
AND PASTOR,

The Author.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Lectures contained in the following pages were prepared and delivered by the writer in Holy Week,* 1851, with the desire of bringing before his people the most prominent features in the character of the persons whose conduct formed the subject of each Lecture. His District comprises two townships, in the outlying parts of an unusually large Parish, and the bulk (in fact nearly 1067) of the population in this District live at a distance of about three miles from the Parish church. From the general appearance of the village of Kingsley, one is led to believe that the number of houses has certainly not been much, if at all, increased for generations; and yet, until of late years, the people have been almost entirely neglected by the Church, although a considerable amount has been paid by them for spiritual services, which they were consequently entitled to receive. Thus neglected, dissent, in various forms, and varying just as the doctrines taught suited the fancies of the people, has taken root and stands

* The average attendance during the week was 29. The Author has adopted a similar course in Holy Week of the present year, and the average attendance was 48.

prominently forward *in opposition* to the teaching of our pure and Scriptural branch of the Church Catholic. It is stated that nine-tenths of the land in Kingsley are occupied by dissenters, whose influence is therefore great; and the effect of this is that the Incumbent is left to labour almost single-handed in maintaining his schools in operation, receiving only about one-sixteenth of the tithes paid by the District for spiritual purposes. The amount of subscriptions by three residents, and a few non-residents (who have more or less interest in the place), being wholly inadequate to the maintenance of the schools,* these pages are sent forth with the desire of obtaining additional funds; and this statement is made, in the faint hope that some who have enough and to spare of this world's goods may be disposed to help the writer in his arduous labours by pecuniary subscriptions or donations.

The Author trusts that these observations will be received as an apology, if any be needed, for his seeking an audience beyond the limits of his own Church, for Lectures which he does not presume to think have any intrinsic merit which renders them deserving of such a distinction.

KINGSLEY PARSONAGE, *April* 21, 1852.

* The average daily attendance in the Girls' School (now "mixed," under a master and mistress), during 1851, was 41. A school-room is just completed to accommodate 80 infants, of which there are about 150 in the District.