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## PREFACE.

THESE pages aim, to a limited extent, to be at once a guide for the exterior conduct of Catholics on some of the occasions where there is a liability of annoying mistakes, and a reminder of obligations understood but oftentimes forgotten.

In a country where Catholics in certain crude communities are still regarded with suspicion and dislike, and where even in more cultivated centres the clouds yet linger of ignorance and hereditary prejudice, Catholics are doubly bound to bring no reproach on the grand old Church. We are judged not as individuals but as Catholics; therefore the lives of the children should be a hostage to public sentiment of the teachings of so beautiful a Mother.

If these pages are of any assistance in pre-

venting mistakes, securing the observance of the conduct proper on special occasions, or causing more consideration for others, their mission will have been fulfilled.

Clergymen have often spoken of the ignorance and thoughtlessness, of the blunders, ludicrous and annoying when not serious, encountered in their parochial work, and this led to the preparation of the little volume which it is hoped, in the conventional phrase, on which the copyright has long since expired, will "fill a long-felt want."

L. H. B.

EASTER MONDAY, March 30, 1891.

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