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## PREFACE

THE first four chapters of this book were, in substance, delivered as a course of lectures in Croydon during Lent 1913, as part of the year's programme of the local Church Defence Committee, the subject of the Papal Claims being selected at the request of a number of churchpeople who desired instruction on some of the details of the Roman controversy. The debt which the writer owes, especially in the first chapter, to Mr. Denny's *Papalism* will be more than evident to all who have studied that monumental exposure of the fallacies of the Roman claims as expressed in the Encyclical *Satis Cognitum*. Chapter II has already appeared in the pages of *The National Church*, and Chapter V in the *English Church Review*, and are here reproduced by the kind permission of the editors. The last chapter, dealing with the question of the position of the assisting bishops at an episcopal consecration, is an

expansion of letters in the *Croydon Guardian* in 1910, written in view of the statement made by Bishop Mathew (of the old Catholic Church, now Archbishop of the old Roman Catholic Church) in a lecture in Croydon, that Anglican Orders were of questionable validity, on account of the doubt whether Barlow, the chief consecrator of Parker, had ever proceeded to episcopal consecration. This chapter owes much to the two important letters on this subject which were written by Father Puller to the *Guardian* on March 11 and 24, 1910, as also to his article on "Careless Baptisms and the Transmission of the Apostolic Ministry" in the *English Church Review* for November, 1910.



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## CHAPTER I

### The Papal Claims

#### I

**O**VER against the present divided state of Christendom stands our Lord's prayer on the night before His Passion that His followers might be one. To-day men's minds and hearts are seriously considering the contrast between what is and what ought to be, and the reunion of Christendom is being increasingly prayed for and worked for. Regarding the matter even from the low ground of practical utility, men are learning the value of the presentation of an united front to the opponents of the Christian religion. At home, Christianity is faced, on the one side with materialism, and on the other side with apathy and