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OF

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OF the Sermons comprised in this volume seven¹ have been published in another form before. The remaining three² are now published for the first time. They were all preached *extempore*, and are corrected from reports made at the time. The mention of the places in which they were delivered, and allusions to the occasions of their delivery, as well as the forms of address to those who heard them, have been, for the most part, retained. It has been thought better that it should be so, as otherwise their character would have been entirely changed, and indeed it would have been necessary largely to rewrite them.

In revising the first six and the last, the author has retrenched the more obtrusive redundancies, corrected obvious mistakes, and (in places where the meaning was obscurely or inadequately conveyed) altered or added some words, expressions, and sentences.

¹ Sermons I., II., III., IV., V., VI., and X.

² Sermons VII., VIII., and IX.

They are published now (as those already in print were published at first) in accordance with the request of many who believe that they have found them helpful. They make no claim to be anything more than very slight discussions on some spiritual subjects.

The author trusts that they are, in all matters, in accordance with the teaching and spirit of the Catholic Church, as represented by the Church of England, and he hopes that they may be of some use to souls, in assisting them to live for God.

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

IN looking through this Volume, at the request of his Publishers, before the issue of a new edition, the author has not found it necessary to make any alterations.

There is, of course, plenty of room for improvement, but to improve is to change, and to make changes in a book of this sort, when not necessary, would be wrong.

The author is thankful to learn from many in England and America that his hope, when he first consented to its publication, has not been disappointed, and that it has been of some help in encouraging failing hearts to try to live a Christian life.

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