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Preface.

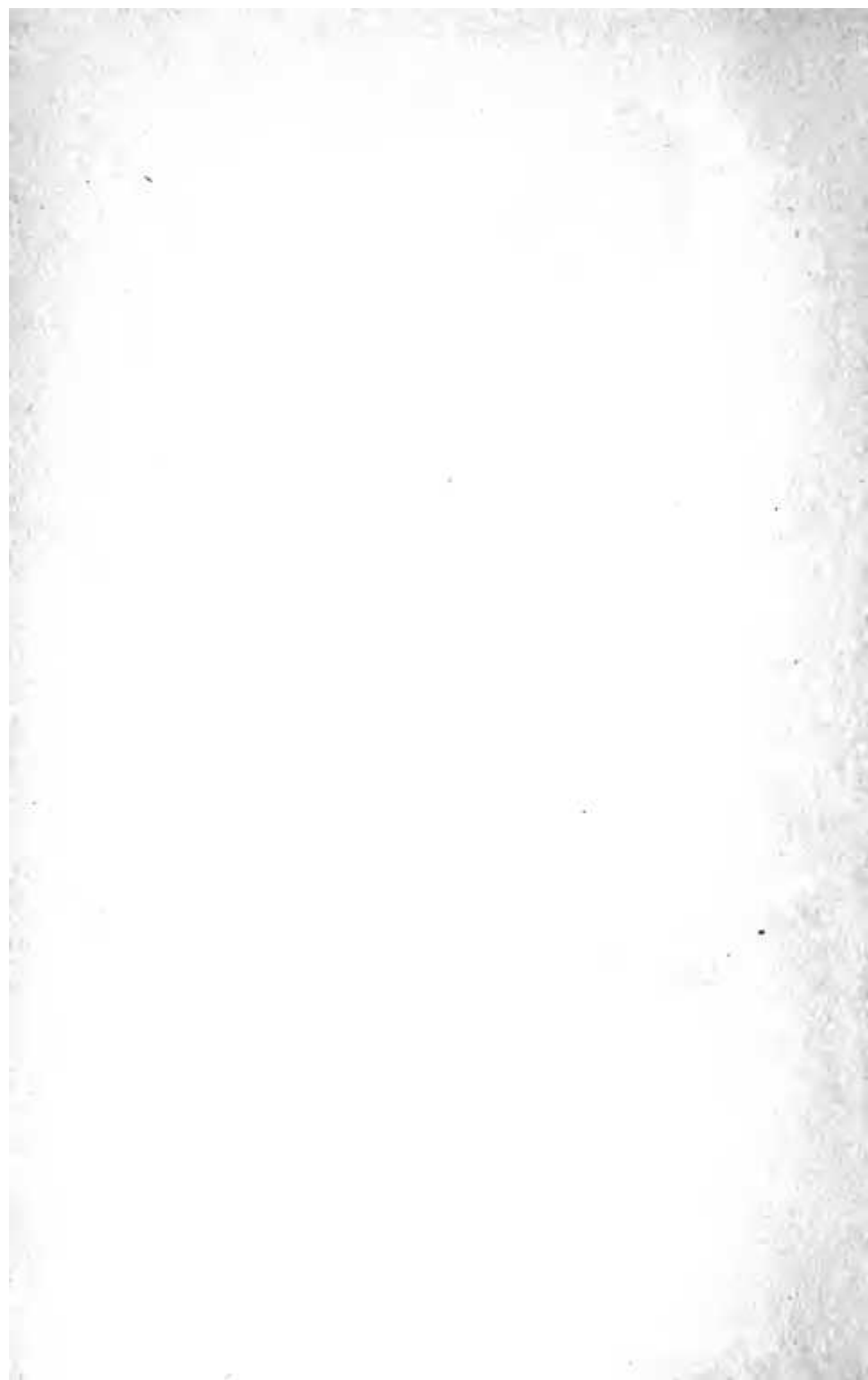
BY the wise and merciful dispensation of Providence one of the oldest societies of the Church, namely, the Holy Name Society, has had a great revival in our times, when there is such urgent need for a body of devout, well-instructed, and zealous Catholic men.

Organization is the watchword of our age, and organizations must be fostered among the Catholic laity, to oppose and defeat the well-organized assaults upon the Church by her enemies. There is particular necessity for the Parish Priest to promote organization for the good of the Faith among the men of his congregation, and this is best accomplished by gathering them into a Holy Name Society, with regular meetings. At meetings of this kind these Conferences have been delivered by the author, and they are now issued in bookform in the hope that they may be of use particularly to Reverend Directors of the Holy Name Society, by suggesting topics and subject-matter for discourses to the members of their societies.

May St. Joseph, the patron of Catholic men, secure, by his intercession, God's blessing upon these humble efforts, so that they may be fruitful for the welfare of souls, and for the greater honor and glory of God.

THE AUTHOR.

Feast of the Nativity of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1917.



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ST. JOSEPH, THE MODEL OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MANHOOD

I. INTRODUCTION

Whatever is true and good never grows out of fashion in this world. The fine sculptures of ancient Greece are as new to-day as when the artists had just finished them. These masterpieces have been the inspiration of countless other artists, who were amply satisfied if they could but imitate them.

In a still greater sense this truth applies to the lives of the saints of God. Their beautiful lives shine forth even centuries after they have passed out of this world, like some wonderful work of art, and they are the models for our imitation.

I wish to call particularly to your mind that great saint, who having lived and died nearly two thousand years ago, is to this day the grand model of Catholic manhood; the saint whose sterling qualities and heroic virtues make him fit especially into our times; whose life and work reveal to us the only solution of the vexing problems and questions of our day! Such, indeed, is the great St. Joseph, the model of the Catholic manhood of this twentieth century.

The life of St. Joseph, so far as our knowledge of detail is concerned, might be put in a few words. These few data, however,