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TO
MY COUNTRY'S PATRONESS
MARY IMMACULATE

FOREWORD

The present work concludes the line of thought set forth in the two companion volumes, *Christ's Masterpiece* and "*His Only Son.*" Combined, the three courses of lectures, which are given to the public in the form in which they were delivered as Lenten Lectures in St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, form a compendious exposition of Christian apologetics.

It is a remarkable fact that many of the religious errors of today, as well as of the past, are due in great part to false philosophical principles. This fact emphasizes the importance of the considerations herewith presented, wherein the rational grounds of religion are established. True religion presupposes sound philosophy: revealed religion is built on the foundation of natural religion: the necessity of Catholicity, as Christianity in the concrete, rests on the necessity of religion in general.

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Here, as elsewhere, grace neither destroys nor neglects nature, but completes and perfects it.

It is hoped that the reflections set forth in these discourses will be of use as an antidote to the poison of irreligion, which is often masked under the guise of pretentious erudition and deceives the unwary or the self-conceited by the glamor of a false science.

Recognized theological and philosophical treatises have afforded the basis of thought for these lectures. Besides, recourse has been had to special articles in the *Catholic Encyclopedia* and the *Dictionnaire Apologétique* and such like sources. To all of these acknowledgment is made. Solidity with truth, rather than originality as to matter or method or presentation has been the aim of the author. After all, it is "the truth which shall make men free."¹

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¹ John VIII, 32.

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