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Though the book has been recast and almost rewritten, with the addition of more than a hundred pages of new matter, yet I have not altered the title in order to give my Essay the appearance of a new book. I have done so because, since its publication, a translation into English has been made of the ascetic treatise of Father Nieremberg, called 'Of Adoration in Spirit and in Truth.' The similarity of titles between two books, in the very limited literature of Catholic England, had given rise to several mistakes, even though the books were issued by different publishers; and now that they are in the hands of the same publisher, the precaution was necessary to avoid confusion. I have therefore thought it better to yield to the prior claims of Father Nieremberg.

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