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PREFACE

THE purpose of the following pages is simple. To non-Catholics the author would say: Do listen to what Catholics have to say for their creed. To Catholics he would say: Do speak so that non-Catholics can and will listen.

My debts to books I have tried to acknowledge in the work itself. Greater perhaps are my debts to the spoken word—to fruitful conversations in which what Latham calls "seed-thoughts" were sown in my mind to bear what fruit they might in this essay. How shall I acknowledge these? All I can do is to express here my indebtedness and gratitude to Fr. Joseph Rickaby, to Mgr. Barnes, to Fr. Mather, to Christopher Dawson, and to any other friend whose thought is here reflected.