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WESTMONAST. IN FEST. IMM. CONCEP. B. V. MARIE,
MDCCCLVI.

N. CARD. WISEMAN.

TO
OUR BLESSED AND HOLY MOTHER

MARY,

EVER PURE AND SINLESS, AND IN THE FIRST INSTANT
OF HER BEING FULL OF GRACE;
AND TO MY HOLY PATRON

ST. JOHN,

THE BELOVED DISCIPLE AND APOSTLE,
WHO STOOD TOGETHER BY THE SIDE OF JESUS DYING,
THAT THEY MAY IN MERCY AND IN PITY PLEAD FOR ME
WITH HIM
NOW AND IN THE HOUR OF
HIS COMING.

ORDER OF THE DISCOURSES.



I.

ADAM.—*JESUS THE EXPIATION.*

II.

ABEL.—*JESUS THE PRIEST OF CALVARY.*

III.

NOAH.—*JESUS THE SAVIOUR.*

IV.

ABRAHAM.—*JESUS THE EXAMPLE OF FAITHFUL
OBEDIENCE.*

V.

ISAAC.—*JESUS THE VICTIM.*

VI.

MELCHISEDECH.—*JESUS THE PRIEST OF THE MASS.*

VII.

JACOB.—*JESUS THE SUPPLANTER.*

VIII.

JOSEPH.—*JESUS REJECTED BY THE JEWS, AC-
CEPTED BY THE NATIONS.*

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Author feels that some apology is due to those, who kindly subscribed for these discourses, as soon as they were first announced, so long since as the close of last Lent, for the delay which has attended their publication. But, when it is stated that they were preached nearly from meditation only, and had almost entirely to be written, and that too, at late and early hours, redeemed from the absorbing cares and toils of a very arduous Mission, and one of those Missions, which at present depend for efficiency, if not for existence, on means begged by the Pastor at the sacrifice of all his leisure, the Author cannot but submit that he is not deserving of blame on the score of idleness.

And, if it should be objected by any, that Advent is scarcely an appropriate season for the putting forth of discourses suited to Lent, the Author would observe, first, that in the

volume before them is contained much, which relates directly to the Incarnation, since this great Mystery was not only the necessary means to the Saviour's Passion, but Itself the beginning of His Passion; and, next, that this close connection is expressly set forth by Holy Church, not only in Her penitential observances and purple vesture, but notably in Her collect for the season, wherein* She entreats for us God's holy grace, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ His Son is announced by Angels, may by His Passion and Cross, its sequel, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Lastly, he congratulates himself on one result of his slow progress, that of his having revised the concluding pages of his little book on Her Feast-day, to Whom, he has, kneeling at Her Feet, in humble trustfulness ventured to inscribe it.

In Fest. Imm. Concep. B. Mariæ Virginis,
1856.

* Compare the Vesper hymn for the Sundays in Advent—

“Jesus, Who, to redeem our loss
And bear our guilt upon the Cross,
From sinless Mary's Virgin-Womb
A Victim Undeſil'd dost come.”

P R E F A C E.

THE history of the little volume, which follows, is this.

I was kindly invited, towards the beginning of last Lent, by the venerable Rector of the Church of the Assumption, to give a series of discourses in his Church during that holy season. I chose for my subject, with his approbation, the explanation of the Scripture occurring, that is, of those portions of the Old Testament, which are read in the Church-office during the Fast. And, beginning my discourses in Septuagesima week, I opened the first chapter of Genesis. I made this selection of matter because, since Holy Church reads those most ancient Prophecies at the beginning of the solemn season, it seems consonant to Her desire that the Faithful should be shown why She reads them, and how fit an introduction the reading of them is to Passion-tide and Holy

Week, when She commemorates the anniversaries of those great and awful Mysteries, which are, as we shall see, foreshadowed in them.

I had treated the same subject, three years before, in Our Lady's Church at Greenwich; and as many of my hearers in both Churches expressed to me the pleasure with which they had listened to them, I resolved to write and print them, in the hope of thereby benefiting a large number of souls, and increasing, though ever so little, the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ, Whom He has sent. For, while so many splendid sermons are constantly put forth, now, by most eminent and illustrious preachers of the Divine Word; still, I believe, the ground I have chosen in these discourses has not been broken by any of those great men.

I have called these discourses *moral*. They are, of course, in the first place exegetical; but, my object being the progress of my hearers in Christian virtue, and the exegesis being confined to the mystical sense, only, of the Mosaic writings, I have thought the former appellative the more befitting of the two. Faithfully adhering to