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"He, who would arrive at the true faith, must seek it in the Holy Scriptures alone."—*Hilary, Ep. of Poitiers ad Const. Imper.*

"Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."—*1. Thess. v. 21.*

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P R E F A C E.

THE present pamphlet was preceded in France by one entitled *My Farewell to Rome*, written by Monsieur Bruitte, another parish-priest, who, with an aged mother, and a sister, dependant upon him for their bread, had suffered the loss of all things for the faith of Christ; left his living, and Rome; and cast himself upon God's promises. Monsieur Maurette, who had been brought to the knowledge of the truth before Monsieur Bruitte, took up his pen upon the publication of the *First Farewell*, to confirm and strengthen its effect by *another*. A *third*, by a third converted priest, is to appear in a few

days, or has appeared by this time. Each of these three gentlemen is well known to many of the friends of the Gospel in France and Switzerland, who would at any time be willing to bear testimony to them; if their faith, and what they have suffered for the Gospel's sake, were not sufficient witnesses in their behalf.

This *Second Farewell*, like its predecessor, met with a ready sale on its publication, and as many as eight thousand copies had been put into circulation, when the remainder were seized by direction of the French government, and an order issued for the arrest of the author, who, as it happened, was then absent from home, and preaching the faith of Christ in the department of the Var, in the south-eastern extremity of France. Just at this time occurred the discussion in the French chambers on the question of religious liberty. The Keeper of the Seals, grounding what he said on Monsieur Maurette's absence, declared that he had fled from the pursuit of justice. As soon as Monsieur Maurette

became aware of this, he wrote immediately to contradict it, returned, and appeared on the 17th of last May before the Court of Assize at Foix. He was there arraigned on three counts, and charged:—

1st. With outrage and derision against a religion whose establishment is legally recognised in France.

2nd. With having sought to disturb the public peace.

3rd. With promoting enmity among the different classes of society.

The two last charges were rejected by the jury, but he was condemned on the first to a fine of 600 francs, (£24,) and one year's imprisonment. Against this decision he afterwards appealed to a superior tribunal, the Cour de Cassation, in Paris. The judgment of the inferior court was there confirmed, and Monsieur Maurette is now suffering the imprisonment to which he was condemned.

The translator has thought it might be useful