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PREFACE

THE philosophy of Cardinal Newman is arousing such widespread interest and is assuming such a prominence in the controversial and apologetic literature of the day, that there seems to be a call for a work which shall bring the contents of that philosophy within easy reach of inquiring minds and make it possible to pursue with facility a systematic study of it. The present volume is an attempt in this direction, as regards that portion of Newman's philosophy which is developed in the "Grammar of Assent." And whatever be the individual judgment upon Newman's philosophical system, it is hoped that this Synopsis will commend itself to serious students generally, as contributing in some way towards an adjustment of the claims of that philosophy upon our acceptance.

This volume departs considerably from the ordinary plan of a synopsis: by being thrown into the form of an index, it is intended to serve at once as an analytical index to the "Grammar of Assent," as a dictionary of Newman's philosophy, as a catalogue of his doctrines, and as a summary of his arguments. Moreover, this Synopsis has not aimed at presenting a bare outline or skeleton of Newman's thought, such as is commonly found in a synopsis or index; it goes much

further. As far as is consistent with the scope of the book, Newman has been allowed to speak in his own words, without abridgment; for it was considered that those who should read this Synopsis would be much better satisfied, if Newman's thought was presented to them in his own language, and with a certain fulness, than if it was unduly compressed, or interpreted for them by the words of another.

The cross-references have been made purposely copious, since this course seemed to be demanded by the main object of the book, which is to make readily accessible and, in a certain sense, to co-ordinate the various portions of the "Grammar of Assent."

All the proper names and all the more striking quotations contained in the "Grammar of Assent" have been inserted in their alphabetical order. For it may easily happen that a person may be puzzled what headings to turn to in order to find certain passages in the "Grammar," which nevertheless may be associated in his mind with certain quotations or proper names. Such a perplexity will be forestalled by the plan of indexing adopted in this volume.

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