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“ Quoniam mihi, faterno excitatus affectu, *istorum* quatuor libros, quos adversus unum meum scripserunt, plusquam peterem, ipse misisti; nihil convenientius potari esse faciendum, quam ut ea que respondeo potissimum tu legens iudices, utrum recte congruenterque responderim.”

St. AUGUSTINE, *Ep. ad Claudium Episcopum.*

PREFACE.

It will, perhaps, be expected that I should account for the delay which has occurred, on my part, in publishing this Reply. Dr. Turton's book has been two years before the public; and many may, perhaps, have imagined that I was deterred, by the difficulty of the task, from proceeding forthwith to confute it. To any who should have so judged, I have only the request to make, that they will peruse the following pages, and then pronounce if they meet with any reply to the cavils of my adversary, that seems to have required either long and profound meditation, or tedious research. If he discover any such, then he may conclude that either I shrink from the task of confutation, or have spent much time upon it. But if, on the other hand, he shall find the answers given, obvious and simple, such as must have

at once presented themselves to any one at all versed in theology, then, I trust, he will do me the justice to allow that it could not have been from any difficulties, foreseen or experienced, that I have been led to put off so long the disagreeable task of answering a work, where every argument had to be disentangled from a mass of mere personalities and language, which, to say the least, it was painful to see employed by such an opponent. To have exposed every incorrect assertion, to have unravelled every sophistry, to have laid open only a small portion of the ingenious arts resorted to by the Regius Professor of Cambridge, would have required a much larger volume than the present, and much more leisure than I am able or willing to spare. I rely upon the reader's indulgence for overlooking any faults into which the haste, wherewith this volume has, after all, been written, may have unintentionally betrayed me.

Rome,
Corpus-Christi Day. 1839.

REPLY,

&c. &c.

CHAPTER I.

ON THE STYLE AND MANNER OF DR. TURTON'S CONTROVERSY.

DURING my residence in England in 1836, I published three distinct Courses of Lectures: one of more general interest, "On the Connexion between Science and Revealed Religion," and two of a controversial character. I had no intention, at least, for that time, of giving either of these to the public: circumstances, over which I had no control, compelled me to do so. These are sufficiently stated in their respective Prefaces. One reason why I naturally desired to delay the publication of the "Lectures on the principal Doctrines and Practices of the Catholic Church," as well as those "On the Real Presence," was a fear of involving myself in controversy at such disadvantage as distance from the scene of action must necessarily cause. I was about to return to Rome, where I could not expect to see or know much of what is published in England, and where moreover the