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PREFACE.



I OWE it to myself as well as the public to state that these lectures were wholly *extemporaneous*, and that they are printed as they were reported by a stenographer. I was induced to have them reported and published by the kind advice of friends, who made me hope that thus they might accomplish greater good by reaching a wider circle, and by speaking where my voice could not go, or even after it is stilled in death.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is becoming now so important, and awakens such enthusiasm in the Church, that even a small contribution towards it may be gladly received. The Archbishop and Bishops of the Province of New York have solemnly consecrated their dioceses to the Sacred Heart, and their voices only echo the language of the Supreme Pontiff. Our Blessed Redeemer is surely

calling His flock to draw around His Sacred Side, that they may know the treasures of His love, and give themselves more completely to His service. I make, then, my humble offering, devoutly praying the great Master of souls to accept it, and make it instrumental in winning some souls to Him, and in promoting, even in a slight degree, the glory of His most loving Heart.

T. S. P.

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LECTURE FIRST.

*THE NATURE AND ENDS OF THE DEVOTION TO
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS.*

"Come unto me all ye who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and you shall find rest to your souls."—S. MATTHEW xi. 28, 29.

 HE circumstances, my dear brethren, under which our Blessed Lord spoke these words are full of meaning, and throw light upon the intentions with which He spoke them. He had been contemplating His rejection by His own nation, and had been complaining to His disciples that the mighty works which He had wrought had not even produced conviction; that though He had been through the streets and lanes of