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PREFACE.

THIS book has been called forth by the necessities of a great crisis. It seemed to me of the highest importance that some connected narrative should be given of the action of the Irish Roman Catholic priest in the political life of Ireland during recent years. I have been a student of Irish affairs for the past fifteen years, and I can claim to have intimate knowledge of Irish political history during that period. Part of the time I was engaged in conducting a weekly newspaper in Dublin, and the events which I relate, passing as they did before my very eyes, necessarily became deeply impressed upon my mind.

Viewed in its true perspective, who can say the political attitude to-day of the Irish Roman Catholic hierarchy is not fraught with tremendous consequences? The recent protest of an important section of the Roman Catholic community demonstrates that there is

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grave uneasiness in many minds outside the Protestant churches at the unparalleled position and conduct in politics of the Roman Catholic clergy.

My last desire has been to attack in any way the tenets or religious convictions of Roman Catholics, and I wish to deprecate in the strongest possible manner any idea that such is the aim or scope of this publication. My sole object has been to awaken men's minds in Great Britain to the actual facts of the situation, and to show what has been said and what has been done by Irish priests in Irish politics in recent years. I hardly think the Roman Catholic clergy themselves at all appreciate the trend and logical result of their own action. Perhaps when they see it in all its startling nakedness they may be awakened to a sense of the dangers which surround them.

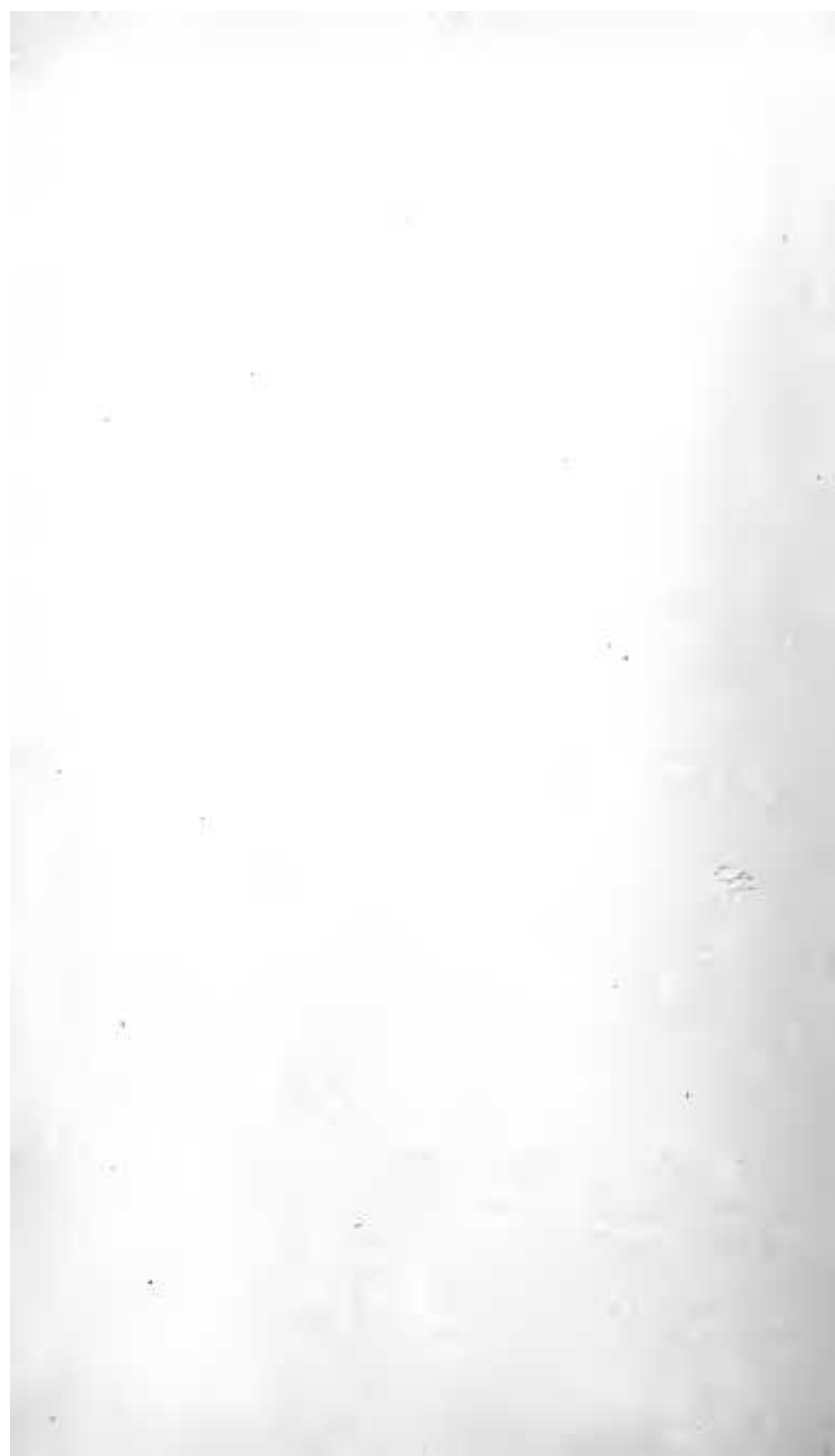
On the other hand, I have endeavoured as strongly as I can to emphasise the existence of two distinct communities in Ireland, and to show the depth of the earnestness and determination which animate the Irish Protestants in their resistance to Home Rule. Their feelings and opinions may be right or wrong, but they exist largely, because of the action of the priest in politics, and it is right their attitude should be fully appreciated.

I acknowledge with pleasure my indebtedness in points of matter, phrase, expression and inspiration to many interesting books dealing with Irish affairs—more especially to Mr. Harrison's *The Scot in Ulster*, Mr. Goldwin Smith's *Canada and the Canadian Question*, and his *Irish History and Irish Character*; Mr. Nassau Senior's *Journals and Conversations in Ireland*; to *Pictures in Ireland*, by Terence McGrath; *Paddy at Home*, by Baron de Mandat-Grancy; last, but not least, to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone's pamphlets upon *Vaticanism* and *The Vatican Decrees*, and generally to the various publications of the Irish Unionist Alliance.

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