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## P R E F A C E

THE following Retreat is intended mainly for the benefit of those who are dedicated to the love and service of God in the religious and the priestly life, and who wish to remind themselves from time to time of the solid principles appertaining so closely to their state, which give both spirit and strength to the discharge of their many arduous external works. At the same time, as it runs on what may be called the broad lines of Gospel Christianity, much of it may be found suitable to the needs of all who take an earnest view of life—who realise that the attainment of life's end is ever their chief business, and who, in view of progressing to the end, awaken their interest in the work, seeking first to know, and then to go the way.

It is hardly necessary to add that our spiritual progress is very gradual, and is indeed a lifelong work, and consequently often in practice more of a striving and an aiming than a perfect doing. Yet it adds much to the chances of our work to



know the way before us; for we can hardly expect to do what we do not know. It is hoped that the present volume may be of some small service to many, both towards the knowing and the doing. And the words of our Blessed Lord will tell us the importance of both the one and the other: "If you know these things, you shall be blessed if you do them" (S. John xiii. 17).

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