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## PREFACE.

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THESE Papers were written for the use of the boys at Stonyhurst College during the Month of Mary. They were suggested by the difficulty of finding any short lessons for the month addressed directly and especially to boys. They are now published in the hope that they may be found useful in other Colleges and Schools.

The Author, as he did not originally intend them for the public eye, felt no scruple in taking several ideas from the writings of others, and even occasionally in using their words without special recognition, when he found

beautiful thoughts expressed in language which he could not hope to rival. It will be enough to acknowledge here his indebtedness to that great master of devotional and ascetical writing, the late Father Faber. The Author is not conscious of having adopted *verbatim* more than a few sentences in this way.

*Stonyhurst College,  
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