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The following are the circumstances under which these Sermons are printed. The Rev. Dr. Cahill, a Romish controversialist of some fame, visited Quebec, and gave a series of public lectures in the Music Hall. The first two lectures were on scientific subjects, and were followed by three controversial lectures, addressed to Protestants, upon Purgatory, Transubstantiation, and the Mass. Dr. Cahill's addresses having been heard by many church-people, and moreover reported at much length in the newspapers, I was requested by several members of my congregation to lay before them the grounds on which the Anglican Church rejects the distinctive teaching of the Church of Rome on those points. I did so in these sermons. The request for their publication is so general, and urged upon me by so many on whose judgment I rely, that I do not feel at liberty to refuse.

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PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

In this Edition, (the gift of a generous churchman) I have carefully reconsidered my whole argument. Though I have thankfully availed myself in several places of the criticisms of friends, I have not seen reason to make any material alteration.

EASTER, 1863.