

## GLOSSARY,

*To assist the Reader in the understanding of words chiefly connected with popish matters, some of which are not found in the work.*

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*Abbé.*—The chief of an abbey, but a title extended to an ecclesiastic.

*Abbey.*—A monastery of religious persons.

*Absolution.*—A part of the sacrament of penance; signifying the remission of sins.

*Acolyte.*—One of the lower order in the Roman church.

*Agnus Dei.*—A consecrated cake of wax stamped with the figure of a lamb, supposed to have great virtues.

*Alb.*—A very ancient priestly vestment worn by ministers in the administration of the eucharist.

*All Saints.*—A feast in honour of all the saints and martyrs.

*Altars* in the Romish church are built of stone, to represent Christ, the foundation-stone of that spiritual building, the church. There are three steps to an altar, covered with carpet, and adorned with many costly ornaments, according to the season of the year. Bowing towards the altar probably originated in the custom of the Jews bowing towards the mercy-seat.

*Anathema.*—A curse pronounced by ecclesiastical authority.

*Annats* or *Annates.*—A years' income, due, anciently, to the popes on the death of any bishop, abbot, parish priest, &c., to be paid by his successor.

*Annunciation.*—A Christian festival celebrated on the 25th of March, in memory of the annunciation or tidings brought by the angel Gabriel to the virgin Mary of the