

## PREFACE.

*In writing this Primer of English Literature I have three objects in view. One is to give the Catholic student a standard of judgment; the others, to interest him in the literature of his own language, and to encourage such a taste for it that he would long to read books and not be satisfied with the opinions of other people about them. I beg that the teacher and the student will remember that this little book is by a Catholic for Catholics, and that it is merely an introduction to the study of English Literature.*

*The second part—a similar volume—will be devoted to American writers.*

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