

## PREFACE.

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**M**ORE than fifty years ago, in the days of my boyhood, I began to contribute to newspapers and magazines. Since that time seldom has a month elapsed but I have done something in the same line. To fulfil the ministry given to me by God and His Church has always been my *first* duty, literary enterprise but secondary. The papers now given to the public have, some of them, been published before—a couple of them more than forty years ago. They have all been remodelled, and some entirely re-written. I am doing this solely for the love of it. If anyone is pleased or profited, I, too, shall be both pleased and profited. If anyone sees fit to criticise, it will not hurt me.

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