

PREFACE.

THESE Letters were originally published, as many are aware, in the columns of the "Quebec Gazette." Their writer believed that a grave necessity existed for their appearance in the first instance; and now, in deference to the judgment of many of his friends, embodies them in the connected form of the pamphlet; that by possibility, a more patient and serious attention may be given to the subjects on which they treat.

"Peace on earth; and good will to man;" are the precious boon of the Gospel of Christ; but the writer of these Letters is widely mistaken if Romanism does not exert on it a counteracting influence of fearful power and effect. If wrong in this conviction, the advocates of that system can shew him his error; but if right, it is their imperative duty to abandon a profession which must sooner or later bring down upon them heaven's weightiest indignation.