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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE.



THE work now offered to the public is made up of several parts. Of these, the principal is the famous Treatise of the late lamented Cardinal Lambruschini, containing copious extracts from the works of the Holy Fathers: the latter are, in this translation, rendered from the Latin by a clergyman who kindly undertook that most important part of the translation. We give as an Introduction a series of articles which appeared some years ago in *L'Ami de la Religion*, from the pen of an eminent Jesuit, Father Felix. They were written as a review of Father Perrone's work on the *Immaculate Conception*. Although both treating of the same subject, the two works are entirely different: that of his Eminence Cardinal Lambruschini gives, as it were, the theological bearings of the question; that of the learned Jesuit is of a more philosophic nature, and pre-