

P R E F A C E

Of the ten essays in this volume, seven have already appeared in various Catholic periodicals. The opening paper, on "The Influence of Religious Home Training," was read at the International Eucharistic Congress held in Montreal, Canada, September, 1910. The papers on "The Relation of the Catholic Journal to Catholic Literature," and "The Relation of the Catholic School to Catholic Literature," were read, respectively, at the Catholic Press Convention at Columbus, Ohio, August, 1911, and the American Catholic Educational Convention held at Pittsburgh, Pa., July, 1912. Of the remaining seven papers, "The Office and Function of Poetry," "The Irish Dramatic Movement" and "Catholic Intellectual Activities," first appeared in the *Magnificat*. "Catholic Journalists and Journalism" and "A Week in Rome"