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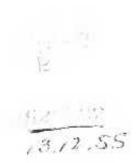
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### FATHER REGINALD BUCKLER, O.P.

WHOSE HAND UNLOCKED FOR ME THE GATE OF THE CITY OF GOD AND LED ME IN



#### PREFACE

THE following chapters were first published, in substance, in the American Catholic magazine, the "Ave Maria," in 1906–1907, and it is by the kind permission of the Editor, Father Hudson, that they are now reprinted, with a few additions and corrections.

During the time that has elapsed since their serial appearance, the writer has received a very large number of applications that they should be issued in book form; and after long hesitation, he has acceded to these requests. He hesitated partly because it appeared to him really doubtful whether their issue would be of any real service at all, partly because he occasionally contemplated adding considerably to them, and annexing to them further "confessions of a convert" since his conversion. This latter idea, however, he has abandoned for the present, owing to the extraordinary difficulty he has found in drawing any real comparisons between the rapidly fading impression of Anglicanism upon his memory, and the continually deepening experi-