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## PREFACE.

The late lamented Cardinal Weld was in the habit of having occasional courses of Lectures delivered in his apartments, upon the ceremonies of Holy Week. The series now offered to the Public was one of these. The Author was preceded on the subject by the Right Rev. Dr. England, bishop of Charleston, in the United States, and by his much esteemed friend, the Rev. Dr. Baggs, vice-rector of this College, whose course is likewise preparing for the Press in this city. Perhaps a third series may be considered by some superfluous. In

reply to this objection, the Author begs to remark, that the plan which he has pursued varies materially from the other two; inasmuch as they follow the order of the functions of Holy Week, describing and explaining them one by one, while he has rather endeavoured to give their spirit, and suggested principles which may assist strangers in attending them with profit. They are published almost verbatim as delivered; and they were prepared without much leisure for study. On undertaking, therefore, to prepare them for the press, he would have willingly remodelled or extended them, had not friends, upon whose judgment he could rely, dissuaded him, on the ground, that they would lose the lighter character they originally bore, and be transformed into treatises. They are consequently sent forth with most of their original imperfections upon them.