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THIS little book has for its aim to draw the attention of the younger clergy of the Church of England to the vast store of wisdom which has been bequeathed to them by the ancient Catholic Church.

The Fathers are often quoted, but in the hurry of the times they are perhaps seldom read. Yet quotation is safe only in the hands of the careful student. Knowledge gained at second hand is not merely of little worth, but may easily become mischievous both to its possessor and to the Church.

It is the hope of the writer that his attempt to map out the field of Patristic learning may serve to stimulate and guide personal study, and not be regarded as in any sense a substitute for it.

H. B. S.

CAMBRIDGE, *Christmas Eve*, 1901.



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