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HUGH POPE

OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

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FATHER HUGH POPE was a prominent figure in the English Catholic world for forty years; he was one of the leaders of the Catholic Evidence Guild movement which sets out to preach the faith in the public squares of this country; he was a fearless controversialist, giving public lectures on controversial subjects up and down the land, particularly during the two decades from 1910; he was one of the pioneers of Catholic biblical scholarship in this country and an expert on St Augustine. And all the time, between his lectures and sermons (he preached in most of the chief churches in England during his long life), he was studying and writing. His numerous printed works, from the volumes of the *Catholic Students' Aids to the Bible*, begun in 1913, to his posthumous work on the *English Versions*, published in 1952, remain as a witness to his labours. And at home, with his Order, he was a much loved companion and guide, and was often called upon to carry the additional burden of authority; as Regent of Studies his influence on the intellectual life of the English Dominicans was considerable. His whole life was held together by an indomitable and apostolic spirit, directed by a simple faith and trust in God.

Here indeed is a story worth telling. This biography is written by one who knew Father Hugh Pope intimately during his last years and was the attentive recipient of his reminiscences; the author has also made extensive use of Father Hugh's voluminous notes, papers, and letters, previously unpublished, and of his books.

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