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Peter C. Erb, A Week End Book
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Title: Peter C. Erb, A Week End Book of Thought and Prayer, 1988
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Abstract: Contains a collection of essays that comprise "A Week End Book of Thought and Prayer."
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Biographical Note

Peter C. Erb is a professor in the Religion & Culture department at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Canada. He received his B.A. from Wilfrid Laurier, his M.S.L. from the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto University, and his Ph.D. from Toronto University. His

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scholarly interests include the following: Roman Catholic and Protestant writers of the Romantic period; 19th century British theology; 19th century British religious novels; German Pietism; the Radical Reformation; and late medieval spirituality. Among his numerous publications are the titles *Pietists: Selected Writings*; *Pietists, Protestants, and Mysticism: The Use of Late Medieval Spiritual Texts in the Work of Gottfried Arnold (1666-1714)*; *A Question of Sovereignty: The Politics of Manning's Conversion*; and *Newman and the Idea of a Catholic University*.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of essays that comprise "A Week End Book of Thought and Prayer" was written by Maude Dominica Petre (1863-1942), an English Catholic author and poet. The daughter of Arthur and Catherine Petre, she was a member of a family distinguished by its loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church. Petre was among a number of Roman Catholic writers, philosophers, and theologians who sought to find a synthesis between the claims of religion and scientific reasoning, this movement coming to be known as Modernism.

"A Week End Book of Thought and Prayer" centers around the theme of the relationships between humanity, Christ, and God. From its subject matter and approach, "A Week End Book of Thought and Prayer" appears to have been written during the 1920s and 1930s. The work is organized primarily around the liturgical year, beginning with Advent and ending with Whitsuntide, although there are a few essays concerning the Church and Christ that are not incorporated into this schema.

In 1988, the essays were compiled and edited by Peter C. Erb, who came to Pitts Theology Library to research the papers of Petre. MSS 189 consists of a computer-generated typescript of the resulting book, containing both Petre's essays and Erb's editorial annotations. The published form of Erb's edition of *A Week End Book of Thought and Prayer* was published in 1998 and is available through International Scholars Publications.

