

P R E F A C E.

The History of the Ursulines published in French some years ago, (1863-4) has given occasion to the present sketch, which we offer to our English-reading friends, in the hope that it may be acceptable. At the same time, we are persuaded that a candid exposition of facts, ignored by certain writers, but faithfully detailed in old Books of unquestionable authenticity, will serve to correct many erroneous statements.

These Books are :—I. The Relations of the Jesuits, published during a period of forty years, and widely read in France, from 1632 to 1672. The Relations, as reprinted by the Canadian government in 1858, form three large octavo volumes.

II. The Letters of Mother Mary of the