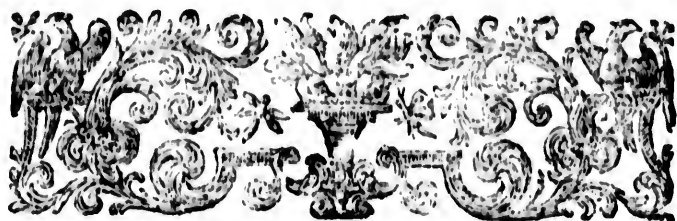


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THE WORK which forms the greatest Part of the ensuing Collection is entitled, in the Original, *Lettres édifiantes & curieuses, écrites des Missions étrangères, par quelques Missionnaires de la Compagnie de Jesus* *. The Rise of the Missions which gave Occasion to this Correspondence, is set forth at large by the late Father *le Gobien*, in his Dedication of the first Volume of these Letters to the Jesuits of France, the most essential Parts of which Dedication are given hereunder †.

* That is : *Letters concerning the Conversions of Heathens, &c. intermixed with a great Variety of Subjects relating to Literature and the Sciences : Written, from the foreign Missions, by some Jesuit-Missionaries.* It was necessary for me to translate the Title in this Manner, in order to give the Reader an Idea of the full Extent of it.

† To the JESUITS of FRANCE.

Reverend Fathers,

I HERE communicate to you some Letters, lately received from our Fathers in *China*, and in our other *East-Indian* Missions.

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