

PREFACE.

St. Patrick's Manual is, in great part, a translation of the "Manuel de Piété," edited by our Brothers in Paris,—a work considered by the ecclesiastical authorities of France, to be eminently suited for young people and a sure guide in every position of life.

The parts not translations, are either original, or are compiled from the most reliable sources. Besides the ordinary matter of prayer-books generally, we have introduced short practical Instructions on each of the devotions it contains; a Rule of Life for young persons in the world; the Study of Vocation; Advices to young men; a Calendar containing a brief notice on some of the saints, who were remarkable for their virtuous youth; Instructions on the Cord and on the Archconfr-