

ADDRESS TO OUR YOUNG READERS.

As more than two centuries have elapsed since the interesting events occurred which we now lay before our Youthful Readers, it seems proper that we should at once introduce to them the various persons whose names are identified with these historic facts and scenes of by-gone days.

It was on the 4th of May, 1639, that a young and noble lady was seen ready to embark on board the Admiral's vessel, St. Joseph, about to sail from the port of Dieppe. On one side of her are two groups of ladies deeply veiled; on the other, stands a dignified nobleman whose thoughtful air and beaming features reveal the interest he takes in her welfare; before her stand several clergymen whose modest uniform warns us that they are the sons of St. Ignatius; at a little distance is seen one maid, all that remains of her household.

As they stand there together exchanging their last looks and words with their friends, you would scarce imagine that they are leaving their own dear France for ever, but it is even so. That lady is a young widow, the heiress of a noble name, who is going, with her whole fortune, to assist in diffusing the Catholic Faith among the savages of America! . . . Young girls of Canada, do you not recognise the heroine and her companion? Ah! our