

P R E F A C E .

THE end purposed by the Author in publishing these notes on the subject of a voyage to the extreme north is, (1st) To thank those charitable persons who have furnished her with means for undertaking such a journey—leaving at her disposal other resources, and enabling her thus to relieve the wants of the Missionary Sisters, who have sacrificed themselves in the service of the poor and the orphans of these cold regions. (2nd) To make a renewed appeal to their generosity by placing before their view the incalculable amount of good which yet remains to be done among the natives of this part of the Province, the innumerable privations, the extreme misery, the heroic sacrifices, which missionary sisters are obliged to undergo in order to maintain the good already commenced, to develop the works they have undertaken to perform, and preserve, on solid basis, the institutions hitherto founded.

May these few notes thus gathered together midst the fatigues of a hurried trip, be favorably received by the public, excite the sympathy of generous and devoted hearts, and incline them to bestow alms which would serve as a foundation, and, to a great extent, secure the happy future of these missions.

The smallest offering will be received with gratitude; a few dollars suffice to have your names enrolled among the benefactors of Canada.

We promise to have low mass said once a year in each of our missions on behalf of our benefactors living, another for the repose of the souls of all benefactors departed.