

PREFACE



The author is fully aware that prefaces are no longer in fashion. However, at the moment of laying down the pen, after having written the twenty chapters of the book now presented to the public, he believes it useful and in a sense necessary,—for otherwise it would be committing an injustice,—to give in the form of a preface a few pages of preliminary explanations, as to the nature of this volume, and the circumstances and occasion which have made him its author.

He may be pardoned for declaring in all sincerity that the LIFE OF MOTHER CARON has given him such joy of soul as to more than compensate for the labors and vigils it has cost him.

Religious families are always happily inspired when they preserve with jealous care all those memories which attach them to the cradle of their origin. Such memories should be, as it seems, preserved like so many relics of the past. To revere these relics, to surround them with a