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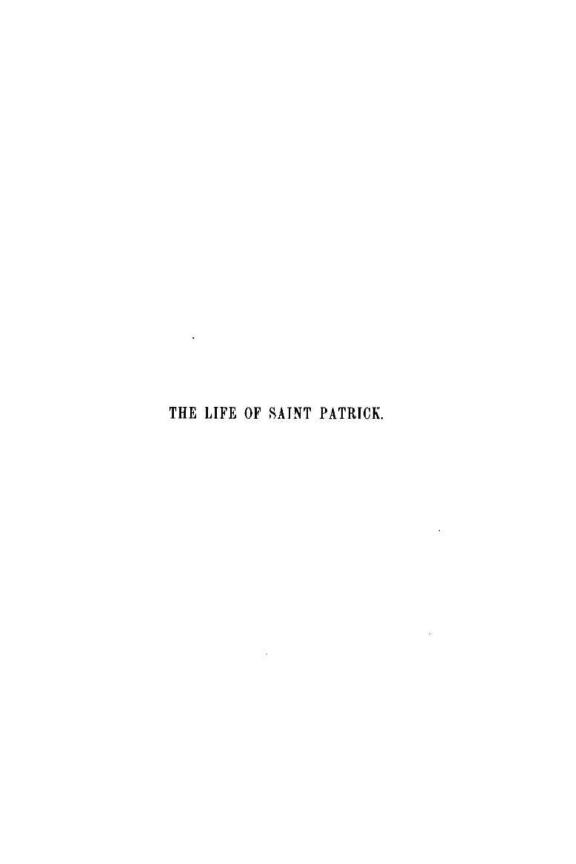
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PRIEST OF THE GRATOKY

Qui s'étonnero, que dans une entreprise toute Apostolique. . . Dieu ait conduit, comme les Prophètes et les Apostres, un Saint qui parvist teur avoir esté plus sembladée qu'aux Saints qui sont venus après eux. . . . En un mot, on y voit besucoup le caractère de S. Paul.

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TO THE

MEMBERS OF THE CONFRATERNITY OF ST. PATRICK

ESTABLISHED

AT THE LONDON ORATORY,

WHO,

WITH THE CHILDREN OF THE SAINT

IN MANY LANDS,

ARE

THE ENDURING WITNESSES

OF

THE FAITH

WHICH SEETH HIM WHO IS INVISIBLE.



PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE author takes advantage of the issue of a second edition to call attention to two errors into which he has involuntarily fallen. Firstly, at page 18 he expressed a regret that Mr. Hennessy's translation of the so-called "Tripartite" Life of St. Patrick had disappeared from the "second" edition of Miss Cusack's work. He has since learned from Miss Cusack that the "Tripartite" was omitted from only a very limited octavo edition, but has been again published in a subsequent issue of her book. In excuse for his mistake the author must plead that the octavo edition of 1877 and the quarto, dated 1871, were the latest editions he was able to discover, and that the large volume published under the historic title of "Trias Thaumaturga," and embodying the "Tripartite," made its appearance only about the time when his own work went to press.

Secondly, in a note to p. 113, of the first edition, it was taken for granted that the notes to the