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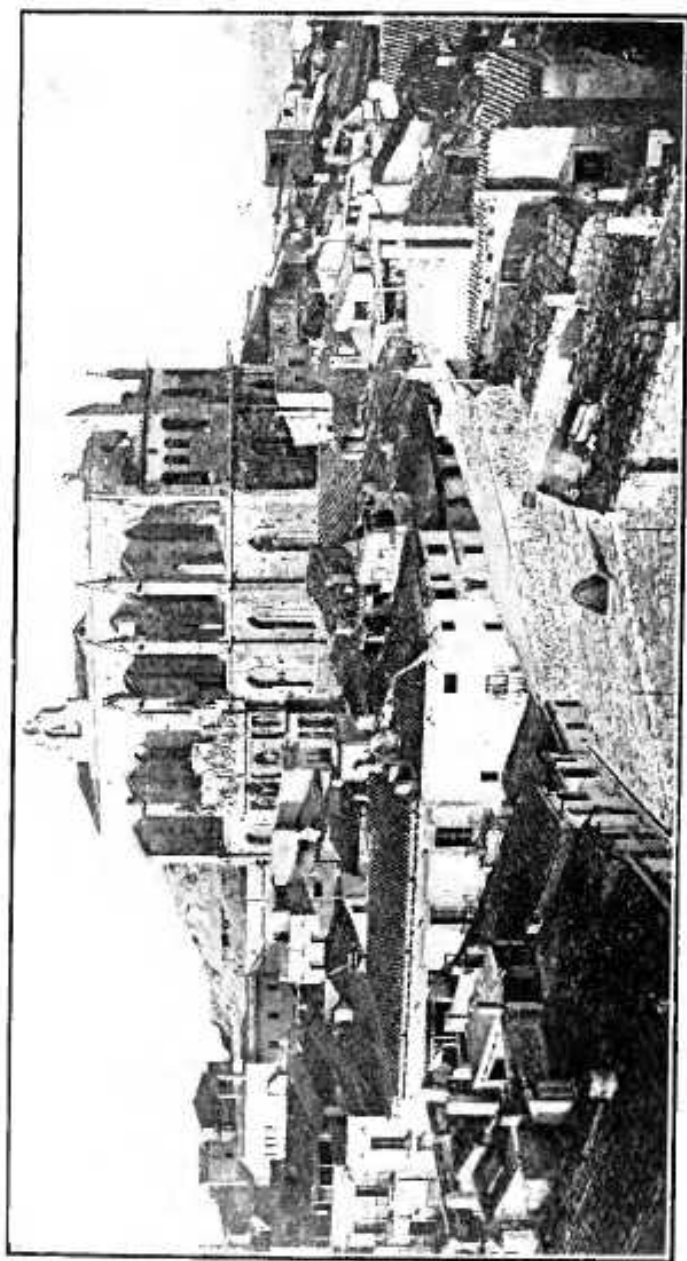
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PREFACE

It is with much diffidence that the author offers this little volume to the reading public. There is vastly more in the life of a saint than appears on the surface. In order that it receive just treatment it should be written by a saint. Gladly would the author have left the task to a worthier pen, but obedience decreed otherwise. He, therefore, decided to take purely historical ground, and herewith presents the facts obtained through long and critical research. He believes that this course will after all best serve the cause of Fr. Magín Catalá. May the holy servant of God forgive what was written amiss.

In compliance with the Decree of Pope Urban VIII., the author hereby declares that he claims only human belief for the miracles, revelations, graces, and other incidents attributed to Fr. Magín Catalá; that the terms holy, saintly, and similar expressions, as applied to the servant of God, are employed in a wider sense, and not in the sense bestowed upon the servants of God already canonized by the Holy Roman Church; that he professes himself an obedient son of the same Holy Roman Church; and that he reverently submits to her decision whatever he has written in this book.

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