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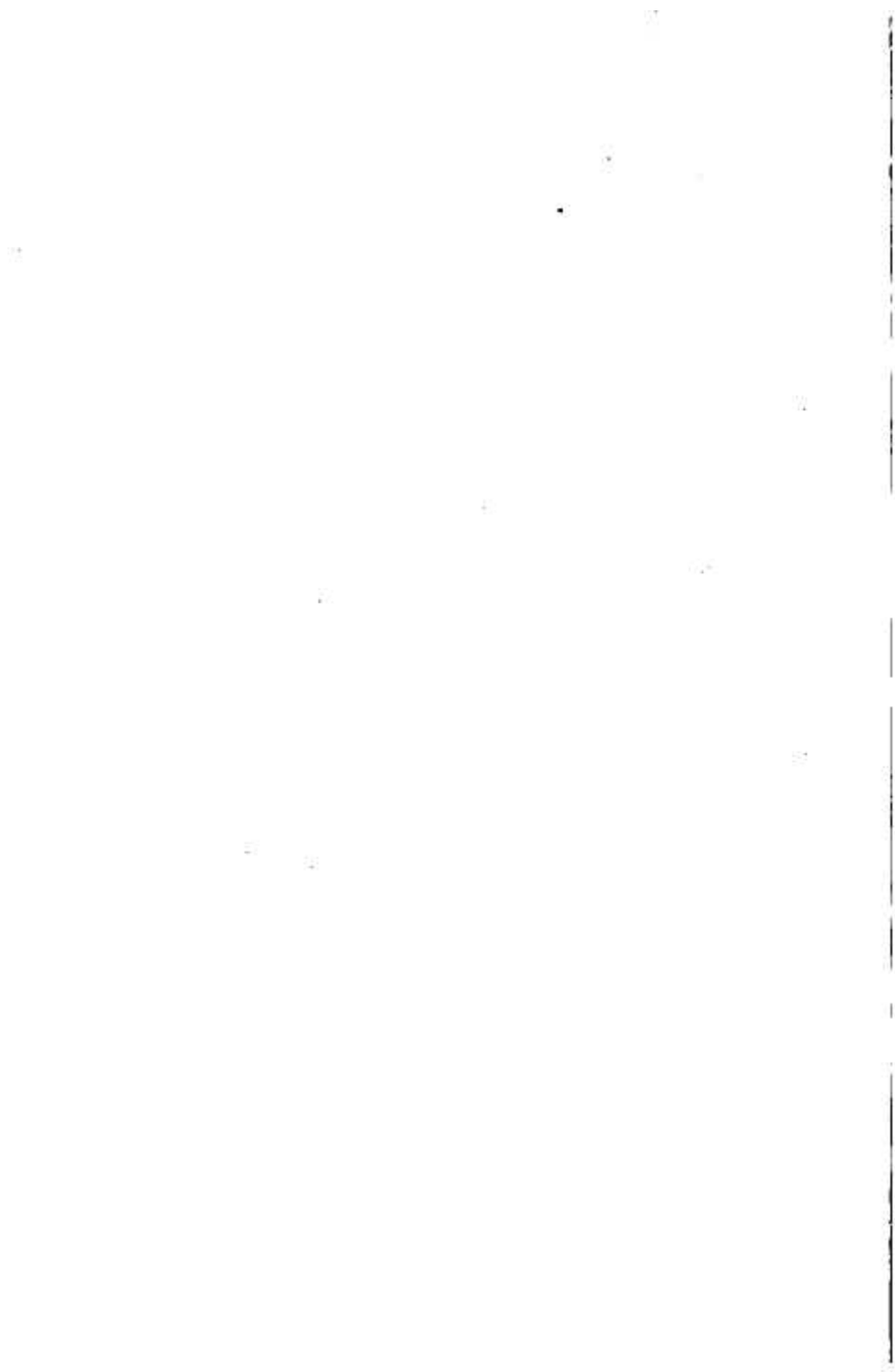
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INTRODUCTION

LIKE "Francis, the Little Poor Man," the first of this series, this is no more than a slight sketch, without any pretension to originality, and put forward with a painful consciousness that it only touches the fringe of a great subject. The lives of S. Vincent are so many and so crammed with details, that it would be quite impossible in a small volume such as this to deal completely with the matter; but it is hoped that there is enough given here to kindle the imagination of the reader, and to make him feel that to know nothing of S. Vincent would be a serious loss to any one to whom a knowledge of the history of the Church and the hope for her advance in the solution of social problems are objects of desire.

The following are some of the chief biographies of, or other books relating to, S. Vincent de Paul:—

- 1.* *Vie du Vénérable Serviteur de Dieu, Vincent de Paul.* Abelly.—This is the oldest Biography. It

* Those marked with an asterisk are the books to which I have chiefly trusted in preparing this volume.

is really a collective work put together in 1664, four years after S. Vincent's death, by his Mission Priests. Abelly, the Bishop of Rodez, gave his name to the book. The "Abelly" referred to in this book is the modernised edition, entitled *Vie de S. Vincent de Paul*. 2 vols. (Paris, Dumoulin, 1881.)

2. *Vie de S. Vincent de Paul*.—Collet, Prêtre de la Mission. This is the second great Biography, containing more details than the above. It was published in 1748. Collet studied no less than 7000 of S. Vincent's letters. A large part of these was destroyed in the sack of S. Lazare at the Revolution.
3. *Saint Vincent de Paul*.—Abbé Maynard, 4 vols. Published in 1860. This is the most complete Life.
4. *Histoire de S. Vincent de Paul*.—Bougaud, Bishop of Laval. This was published in 1891.
- 5.* *La Misère au temps de la Fronde et S. Vincent de Paul*. Alphonse Feillet. (Perrin et Cie., Paris, 1886.) This is a first-class book, written in the true, impartial spirit of a scientific historian.
- 6.* *Mademoiselle le Gras*.—La Comtesse de Richemont. (Poussiègue, Paris, 1894.) This is a beautifully written story of the Filles de la Charité and their first Superior.
7. *Les Lettres de S. Vincent de Paul*. (Paris, Dumoulin, 1882.)
- 8.* *S. Vincent de Paul*. Emmanuel de Broglie. (Paris, Lecoffre, 1900.) This is by far the best modern handy volume on the subject.