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## PREFACE

This little book is an attempt at a study and interpretation of a lovable young saint, whose tercentenary this year will, it is to be hoped, increase special devotion to him. Saint John Berchmans is recommended as a patron and helper in solving the difficult problem of maintaining agreeable and efficient relations with the practical life of the hour without cooling in faith and reverence, of making the love of God the dominant motive of conduct without sacrificing any of the courtesies or failing in human sympathies.

I have depended for most of the facts in my sketch upon the excellent and exhaustive biography of the Saint by the Rev. Francis Goldie, S.J. The English Jesuit drew a large part of his material from official processes and enquiries, and from the contemporary *Life* by Father Ceparì, S.J., the Saint's superior and confessor. As far as facts go, I can, to use a quaint phrase, be tracked in their snow. In the interpretation of facts I have sometimes allowed myself latitude.

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