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PREFACE.

THE Life of Father Henry Young has met with so kind a reception from the readers of the *Irish Monthly* —such gratifying expressions of sympathy have been addressed to the writer of this little biography—that she ventures to hope that its appearance under another form will be acceptable, both in Ireland and in England, to those who love to dwell on the remembrance of God's departed servants, and to draw encouragement from the extraordinary graces vouchsafed to them. The memory of this holy Priest lives in many a heart, and abundant testimonials of belief in his extraordinary sanctity have been drawn forth during the two years which it took to collect and embody these devout recollections in a continuous narrative.

Be they few or be they many who will take pleasure in perusing this little record, we know that it will

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be welcome to those who knew and loved the subject of it, who cherished his example and prized his teaching; to the priests who looked upon him as a model; to the religious who found in him a constant friend; to the poor he so often relieved; to the faithful who were wont to hear his Mass, to crowd around his confessional, to attend his catechism, and, as they advanced in years, to point him out to their children as 'the Saint' of Dublin.

To do some little good—and no harm—by writing has been our lifelong prayer. We have never felt a more humble hope of its being granted than in publishing the Life of Father Young. Our share in it has been but small; it has been the part of a stringer of beads which others have toiled to collect. Many have helped in this labour of love. One friend especially, the authoress of the *Rock of Cashel*, spared neither time nor fatigue in seeking out the materials which others so kindly furnished.

We cannot give—it would be too long a list—the names of all those who helped her in this work, though from our heart we thank them all; but we cannot refrain from mentioning, amongst the most zealous of

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these informants and coöperators, the Most Rev. Bishop of Ossory, the Very Rev. Canon Murphy, the Very Rev. Canon Pope, the Very Rev. Monseigneur Meagher, V.G., the Very Rev. Father Robert Cooke, the Rev. Fathers Henry and Charles Lynch, S.J., the Rev. Father Grene, S.J., the Rev. William Purcell, the Rev. Matthew Collier, the Rev. Father Shelley, the Rev. Father Barlow, Vincentian, the Rev. Prior . Dominick, Carmelite, the Very Rev. Father Crean, Prior of the Augustinians, the Rev. John O'Hanlon, historian of the Irish Saints, the Rev. Father Charles Young, S.J., and Mr. Sylvester Young (surviving brothers of Father Henry), Mr. Ray (the friend, and for many years secretary, of Daniel O'Connell), and the Rev. Father Russell, S.J., who admitted into his Journal, and took so kind an interest in, this English effort to commemorate the virtues of an Irish Saint.

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