

ABBREVIATIONS

- O.C.D. (Order of Carmelites Discalced: Latin form) quoted from letters and documents in manuscript in the archives of the Casa Generalizia of the Order in Rome. When followed by numbers and initials, these latter signify the present classification marks in the archives. The name of a Religious preceding "O.C.D.", and the classification marks indicates that he was the writer: and the date that of the letter or document quoted.
- S.R. From the manuscript series *Scritture Riferite* in the archives of the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide ('*Sacr. Cong.*' for short), being papers "referred" to the Congregation of Cardinals in their *general* sessions ('regular' or 'plenary', as such assemblies would more often be called in English). The numbers are those of the *volumes* in that series and, when added, the page in the volume. For the years 1669 to 1760, though by no means exhaustively or completely, some three hundred and seventy volumes, 418 to 788 (which contain correspondence from or about missions *in all parts* of the world by sequence of receipt, mixed, e.g. a paper from China next to one about Ruthenians, between letters from Ireland and Persia), have been examined for references to the Carmelite mission in Persia. From the foundation of the *Sacr. Congregation* in 1622 up to the year 1669 the systematization of the archives was entirely different: only certain volumes, some twenty or thirty, are said to deal with 'Georgian, Armenian, Persian, Chaldaean, Mesopotamian, Turkish,' etc., affairs, and those of the Carmelites of Persia in particular—these have been sifted. It may be noted, too, that not till 1656 did the *Sacr. Cong.* become administratively responsible for the Catholic missions, so that till then correspondence was on a far smaller scale than after 1669.
- S.N.R. From another manuscript series, *Scritture Non Riferite*, i.e. papers, which at the time were not thought of sufficient importance to be laid before the full Congregation in its sessions, but were dealt with in the Secretariat of the Congregation, and sometimes referred to the 'Congresses'. Of the volumes covering Persia, Mesopotamia and the Chaldaeans, there are some seven between the years 1680 and 1770 (plus one of miscellanea, including papers right back to 1630 and on to 1800) of some 600 sheets each, which have been carefully perused.
- Acta or Att.* The *procès-verbaux*, or orders passed for the proceedings of the sessions of the Congregation, one volume per annum covering all missions in the world, which contain no original letters or document, however: few have been used in this study.
- Chron. Basra* Quoted from, or on the authority of the manuscript narrative kept by missionaries intermittently at the Basra Residence of the Persian mission between the years 1670 and 1733. About the year 1880, after the church and residence of the Carmelites at Basra had been restored by the Superior in Baghdad, Fr. Mary Joseph, having no European Religious available he placed in charge of it two native Christian priests, the second of whom in his ignorance began to dispose of volumes from the library built up by the Fathers in the previous centuries, among them this particular manuscript, of which all trace was lost until in 1927 the late Sir Hermann Gollancz published under the title *Chronicle of Events between the years 1623 and 1733 relating to the Settlement of the Order of*