

## Foreword

These chapters formed part of a volume published in 2003 to commemorate the centenary of the establishment of Douai Abbey at Woolhampton, Berkshire. This volume was the successor of Father Cuthbert Doyle's *Tercentenary of St. Edmund's Monastery, Paris 1615, Douai 1818, Woolhampton 1903*, which appeared as a limited edition in 1917. Since the appearance of that volume nearly one hundred years of life and activity at Woolhampton have passed. The twentieth-century formed the principal subject of this volume, but it is prefaced by chapters describing the monastery in the three centuries preceding it. The Community, having earlier settled in Paris and Douai, prospers today at Woolhampton, where traditions originating in Paris and Douai continue to be honoured.

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