

XXIV.

They sought to win them to the faith which they
Themselves possessed, and thought it not a hard,
Nor yet an unexpected, thing to lay
Their own lives down to win them. Their reward
They counted not to win on earth, but knew
That each in Heaven would gain the glory due.

XXV.

What though the Jesuitic creed be not
As true and generous a faith as that
Which we profess ; what though a bloody blot
Has stained its page of history ; the great
And worthy deeds those fathers wrought should raise
A feeling in our hearts of loving praise.

XXVI.

They suffered for their God and for their Pope ;
They suffered for their faith, to them as true
And pure as ours to us, and in the hope
That God would bless their labours, and endue
The savage Indians with a softer heart,
And give them with the blessed ones a part.