

OF THE XAVERIAN BROTHERS.

In 1854, the late lamented Archbishop Spalding (then bishop of Louisville) visited Europe to assist at the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. He passed through Bruges, and being a warm personal friend of Mgr. Malou, then Bishop of Bruges, he became acquainted with Bro. Francis, the founder. The result was that Bishop Spalding made arrangements with Bro. Francis to take a colony of the Brothers to America. In accordance with the agreement, six brothers, accompanied by the founder, arrived in Louisville in the fall of the same year. Bishop Spalding procured for the Brothers a spacious and commodious dwelling in the centre of the city. In the same building, they now conduct St. Xavier's Institute, one of the most prosperous academies in the State of Kentucky.

After Bishop Spalding was appointed to the Archbishopric of Baltimore, he asked and obtained from the Superior-General, Bro. Vincent, successor to the Founder some Brothers to take charge of St. Mary's Industrial School, which grand charity he had at that time in view. The brothers took charge of it, and now with its Four Hundred inmates, the Institution stands as a shining monument to the large hearted and charitable prelate, who was its founder—Archbishop Martin John Spalding. After being in Baltimore a few years the Brothers accepted the invitation of the zealous pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Rev. J. T. Gaitley, to take charge of his school.