

over whom, as a good shepherd, he kept incessant watch, and whom he led so wisely, with the sweet consolation of gathering abundant fruit from his cares and toils. You can readily judge from all this, reverend father, that all his flock cannot but be greatly moved by the death of such a pastor, and that the memory of this excellent missionary will be blessed in his mission for a long time to come.

Among the virtues which shone brightly in Father Loyard, besides those of which I have spoken already, we noticed in him tender devotion and rare piety. The never failing homage he paid to our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist could not but be edifying in a religious house, and his devout recollectedness of mind when in the churches testified sufficiently to the liveliness of his faith. Busy as he was, he gave all the prescribed time to his own spiritual exercises, and he had the art of economizing the moments. He was prompt and exact in his obedience, was fitted for everything and ready for everything, and his superiors could dispose of him as they would.

Whenever, on account of the needs of his mission, he returned to Quebec he was conspicuous for prompt performance of all duties, and he made it very evident that however incompatible certain occupations may appear to others they need not be so if they are pursued with perfect regularity.

What might I not say here of the purity of his conduct and the innocency of his life? Several times I have had occasion to admire them, and I do not fear that those from whom this father had nothing hidden, those to whom he laid bare his conscience, will refuse to subscribe to the most favorable testimony that I feel compelled to bestow.

After the example of the prophet he loved the beauty of the house of the Lord, he omitted nothing for the beautifying of His altars, and although in the profound depths of the forest he managed to build a beautiful church, to fitly adorn it and to furnish it abundantly with holy vessels and suitable ornaments.

However great may be the loss that we have met in the death of a missionary so remarkable for his virtue and goodness, and however keenly we may feel it, we are consoling ourselves, nevertheless, with the hope of finding in him a protector in heaven, where he enjoys already, we dare to assure ourselves, the happiness of the blessed. None the less I ask for him of your Reverence the customary prayers of the Society.

I have the honor to be, with deep respect, reverend Father,

Your Reverence's very humble and obedient Servant,

(Signed)

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