

LIFE
OF
MOTHER CARON

ONE OF THE SEVEN FOUNDRESSES AND SECOND SUPERIOR
OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER I

BIRTH AND YOUTH OF MOTHER CARON

1808—1826

N UMEROUS indeed have been the families of French Canadian origin who have given forth vigorous and noble offshoots. It has become a commonplace, especialy in St. John the Baptist oratory, to compare French Canadian families with those patriarchal ones of the Old Testament. Whatever may be thought of this comparison, it is certain that, in this respect, our race has been particularly favored.

Now it is a circumstance worthy of note, that in many instances, the families who have thus multiplied, have been precisely those who have given the greatest number of celibates to the priesthood or to the religious life. So that in the majority of cases our priests and