

conducted it; his prayers and ardent sighs for the conversion of his people were almost uninterrupted; so, that it is with justice we might say, that his whole life was made up of one continued prayer. And these were the weapons which gained him the affection of every heart; with these he conquered the most obdurate of his enemies; with these he triumphed over whole armies of infidels; with these he hurled from their foundation, and laid in ashes the pagan shrines, where every thing was adored but God alone, and reared from their ruins a temple where was offered the sacrifice of righteousness and propitiation; where vice and idolatry before bore sway, virtue and religion bear now the most uncontrolled dominion. Many thousands offer themselves to receive at the holy font, the regeneration of life, and be instructed in the law of the Lord; the face and order of the entire kingdom is now completely changed: Religion, holy religion shines in her primitive lustre, and uninterrupted, reigns throughout the land. And well might it be said in the words of the Roman poet, and with more justice:

*The base degenerate iron offspring ends :*

*A golden progeny from Heaven descends.*

The whole nation harmonized, in that holy repose which religion alone is capable to inspire, seemed as if renovated; every thing seemed to savour of the holy unction of piety and virtue. There are colleges established in different parts of the kingdom, where the youth are formed in the more sublime sciences of ecclesiastical knowledge. There are convents of different kinds, and different institutes for those whose vocations call them to a state of monastic retirement; while others attend the secular duties with all that scrupulousness of attention, requisite in a country but lately blessed with the light of Christianity;