

many souls from eternal perdition, you will be their supporters without any inconvenience to yourselves; and the salvation of so many people will be due no less to your sacrifices than to their exertions. What a grand consolation to you during life, and more especially at the hour of death!"

These admirable words of the Bishop of Montreal lead us to appreciate the burning love which fired Bishop Guigues and which prompted him to maintain and preserve the Indian missions during the twenty-five years of his episcopate. "How beautiful," says scripture, "are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, of them that bring glad tidings of good things." May we not also add how feeling are the hearts of bishops who seem so solicitous for the advancement of civilization by sending forth heroic missionaries! One of the grandest glories of the Church of Canada is to have been what Mgr. Guigues ever was—the untiring promoter of missions. The learned and pious Abbé Ferland, in his "Observations on a Work," makes the following brilliant remarks: "The missions have never been forgotten nor abandoned by the bishops of Canada; nay, many amongst them might well have gloried in the title of missionary bishops. Before the conquest the Jesuits had extended their apostolic labors over a great part of North America. The seminary of Quebec has charge of the missions of Illinois, Mississippi and Acadia, over which they held sway until the year 1789. Before Monseigneur Hubert was consecrated bishop he had worked hard as a common missionary laborer in Illinois and Detroit, from whence he returned ill with the fever and ague. The bishops of Quebec ministered as much as lay in their power to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of Newfoundland, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward's Island. In 1818, Mgr. Plessis founded the Red River mission, over 1800 miles from Quebec. F. F. Provencher and Dumoulin were entrusted with the heavy charge of visiting the posts occupied by Canadians and Metis, and the evangelization of the Indian tribes. New missionaries, in proportion to the exigencies of the times, were despatched to Red River Colony to replace those who were worn out with fatigue, in their long and wearisome travels through their extensive field of labor between the rocky mountains and Lake Superior, and between the sources of Red River and the tributaries of Hudson Bay. How many other glorious names might we not also mention to complete the list of those indefatigable apostles of religion, sent by the bishops to far off regions for the purpose of reclaiming perishing souls, hidden like diamonds, in the crust of the earth, which they vowed before God to disinter, polish, and set in the diadem of the Church?"

The following are the names of a few of the devoted men, who, from 1836 to 1842, carried on their good work between the western extremity of our diocese and Temiscamingue and Abbitibi: M. Charles DeBellefeuille, of the Order of St. Sulpice, M. Dupuy, of the same order, M. Charles Poirier, M. Moreau, now vicar-general of Montreal, who in company with Mr. Bourassa, or M. Morin, visited Temiscamingue, Grand Lake, Abbitibi and Trout-lake, several times. We can never for-