

unfortunate issue of the Council of Basle. She was divinely notified of the evils that were going to afflict the spiritual kingdom of Christ because of the disorder of men. The supplications of Colette could not prevent Felix of Savoy from usurping the papal tiara ; but she predicted the end of the scandal. She helped to secure by her prayers the election of the Pope who was to put an end to the twenty years' schism, but her life was the price. She died on the very day that Nicholas V. was elected, March 6, 1447.

Blessed Colette took such a prominent part in the history of her times that her life was written by several of her contemporaries. But these have been more or less forgotten ; the amiable saint has not had from Christians the veneration her life and virtues entitle her to. The Bollandists have gone to great pains to gather together authentic documents concerning her public services and attesting her sanctity and miracles. Many wonderful favours have been obtained through her intercession, especially by mothers in delicate health and maidens. She is still a powerful intercessor in heaven for all of us, and not less powerful now than when God drew her from an obscure home in Picardy to do great things for His Church militant and for the salvation of souls.

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If we only knew how much our actions in supreme moments of life — in times of crises — depend on the little thoughts and acts that preceded them, we should keep vigilant watch on the little foxes make way through the gaps in hour hedges. It is the carelessness of venial sins that makes mortal sins easy. We in this world are like the violins in a great orchestra. If we are not kept in tune we lose in fineness of quality, and when the great Leader of this wondrous earthly orchestra waves His baton, we are found wanting, we make discord. To be of our best always, we must keep ourselves in tune with the best of instruments near us. And the best of these instruments are good books.