

While thus zealously providing for the spiritual wants of your people, by increasing the number of clergymen and building additional churches, while also you have thrown open so many establishments for the education of the young, you did not forget that the practice of the corporal works of mercy has always distinguished the Episcopal Order. You opened in this city a Hospital wherein all who are stricken with disease can secure the best medical attendance, and have their sufferings alleviated by the gentle services of the Sisters of Charity.

In all these undertakings, Your Lordship has diligently followed out the traditions of the Episcopacy—traditions old as Christianity itself. The missionary, the Church, the school and the hospital succeed each other in natural gradation, expanding and multiplying as years pass away. A wooden structure for the education of Huron boys on the bald cliff of Quebec, was the forerunner of Laval; a log cabin on the strand of Sillery between the river and the woody heights expanded in time into the Hotel Dieu, while the rude altar which more than two centuries ago the first settlers built on the grassy meadow of Montreal, was as the grain of mustard seed, which has developed in our day into the stately edifice which rises over the gorgeous sanctuary of Notre Dame. So may it be with Your Lordship's works.

There is an event in Your Lordship's career which we recall with pride, because it is one which will be remembered in history, and reflects honor alike on your name and on the Diocese over which you rule. In the great Ecumenical Council, summoned by Pius the Ninth of happy memory, you were invited to take a place. You shared in the deliberations of that august assembly, and gave your sanction for the promulgation of the great Dogma of Infallibility.

Here, my Lord, we shall draw to a conclusion. Indeed, it is to be feared that in the presence of this illustrious assemblage of High Ecclesiastical Dignitaries, we have already said too much. For the fact that these learned Prelates have come a far way to do you honor on this auspicious day, affords stronger evidence of the esteem in which you are held than any words of ours can convey.

In conclusion, we again offer to Your Lordship the heart-felt congratulations of your flock, and ask you to accept of this purse,