

Our Lady's New Year's Gift.



PRELATE of Canada, whose devotion toward the Holy Eucharist is equalled only by his benevolence, Mgr. Gautier, Archbishop of Kingston, was recently in Rome. The Superior General of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament, Very Rev. Father Estèvenon, whose headquarters are at the Church of Saint Claude, a spot well known to the pilgrims to the Eternal City, suggested to His Grace to petition the Holy Father, in behalf of the Faithful of his diocese, to grant an Indulgence for the recitation of the little prayer: "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Mother and Model of Adorers, pray for us!"

Pleased with the idea, His Grace drew up a petition in writing to present to His Holiness in an audience appointed for him on the 30th of December. The new title was to be "Our Lady's New Year's Gift."

But behold what happened! During the interview, having obtained from the Holy Father permission to read his carefully worded petition, the Archbishop could not find it. In vain did he search his pockets, in vain were those of his overcoat, which he had left in the antechamber, turned inside out. Great was the embarrassment of the good Prelate, and he began *viva voce* to lay before His Holiness the substance of his stray petition.

At once, smiling and earnest, with that kind and obliging readiness habitual to him, Pius X took up his pen and, without an instant's hesitation, wrote the text given above. Then, after signing it, he handed it to Mgr. Gautier, who was greatly touched by the favor received, as well as by the cordiality with which it had been granted.