

crence, one's kindness, one's preference as to the Daughter of the Father, the Mother of the Son, the Spouse of the Holy Ghost; on the other hand to consecrate to her a filial and boundless love as to one's good mother. To this the pious Father Alfred applied himself in every way by reading books written by servants of Mary, especially the *Glories of Mary* by St. Alphonsus and *The true devotion* to Mary by the Blessed Grignon de Montfort. There was not a book of any note on the Virgin that he did not read with a view of obtaining a better knowledge of his Queen who was the constant object of his thoughts. When he read anything about any Saint, he tried to find out what had been his devotion to Mary and what he had said about it. But he obtained this knowledge especially in holy meditation at the foot of Mary's altar. And all his knowledge tended solely to inspire him with all the respect, with all the preference with which he wished to be filled towards her who was assuredly worthy of it and whose eternal captive he wished to be.

To love Mary by imitating her in her sublime virtues, was another characteristic of his devotion — To belong to Mary is not a matter of sentiment but really a transformation into her resemblance by actions, inclinations and desires. Thus did this beloved child of Mary understand it and all the virtues formed the object of his labor with the view of pleasing Mary; through love for Mary he never lost a moment of his time but he devoted it entirely to study, to reading holy books, to reciting orisons and prayers; through love for Mary he never let pass an opportunity of being charitable, of mortifying himself he never lost the smallest portion of the many sufferings of his life, all of which were endured with patience, resignation and joy in perfect conformity with the divine Will. Everything for the purpose of resembling Mary, of pleasing her, of deserving to be her beloved child and thereby of belonging to Jesus for ever.

When we look over his daily actions we find Mary everywhere and always. Before and after each of his actions he recited the angelical salutation after the example of St. Alphonsus and some days before his death he was heard to