

treasurer in our colleges at Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Bardstown.

Every where, the Father Duerinck showed an exemplary exactitude in fulfilling his duties, and constantly gave proofs of the virtues which characterize the true religious. His zeal, his devotedness, as well as the frankness of his temper, gained him friends, not only among ourselves, but also with strangers and Protestants.

A great admirer of nature, he consecrated his hours of leisure to the study of its wonders and secrets, and to the contemplation in them of the beauty and omnipotence of God. He was attached especially to the study of botany, and he acquired a vast and thorough knowledge of this branch of natural science. He traversed a great portion of Ohio and Illinois, in search of curious flowers and all kinds of rare plants, and made a beautiful and exquisite collection of them, which is preserved in the college of St. Francis Xavier, in Cincinnati. The botanical society of that city elected Father Duerinck a perpetual member, and offered him the chair of professor of botany; but his modesty and his numerous duties would not suffer him to accept the charge. A new plant that he discovered, and which received, in his honor, the name *Prunus Duerinckiana*, shows how they esteemed his researches in the science.

The distinctive trait of his character was, a great natural energy, joined to an ardent zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. When there was question of gaining his neighbor to God, no obstacle seemed to be able to arrest him. He made himself all to all, according to the example of St. Paul, in order to win them to Jesus Christ. He had admirably adapted his manners to the customs and ideas of that section of country, and if he could not convert the numerous Protestants with whom he was in relation, he