

confidence in her intercession. "Let us," says he, "therefore, invoke the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin, as the help of Christians, the comfortress of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. Yes! beloved brethren, this sweet name, Mary, will be to you a tower of strength against your enemies, a shield of protection, and a safe anchor of hope in the agony of death, 'Mater misericordiae tu nos ab hoste protege, et in hora mortis suscipe.'"¹ I was aware that the Bishop himself, in private, also practised devotion towards the Blessed Virgin. Whilst he was a priest in Montreal, I had occasion, one afternoon, to call at his room in the Seminary, and I found him engaged in reciting the Beads. Whilst I was enjoying his hospitality at Bytown, I remarked (as my bed-chamber was next to his), that the last prayers he recited, before retiring to rest, were those of the Beads. He paced slowly through his room whilst he recited them. This custom he seemed to have strictly followed up whilst Bishop, and I had ample opportunity of knowing this, because, for six months, only a simple partition divided our bed-chambers, and I often felt surprised, knowing how fatigued he was by the labors of the day, and the night being far advanced, to hear him pace through his room saying his Beads. This, I consider was always his last vocal prayer at night.

SECONDLY.—Let me notice *his charity towards the poor*. This matter I treat of with a certain reluctance, because it recalls to my mind many sorrowful ideas, which I cannot commit to paper, any further than to observe, that they wrought on my mind, and convinced me that the Bishop himself was oftentimes poor; though he was too delicate to make it known either to his priests or his people. Let it be remembered, the Cathedral, the Episcopal residence, the Christian Brothers' establishment were to be finished, some of them being already greatly in debt. The Hotel Dieu Hospital had oftentimes to depend on him, yet, notwithstanding, he seldom made an appeal in his own favor. Towards the poor he always showed himself a friend, and seldom any object of charity left his door with an empty hand. His house was daily visited by numbers of poor, and, if circumstances permitted, he would always afford them some relief. Whoever heard him address the people in favor of those who suffered by the great fires at Quebec and Montreal, or by the famine in Ireland, could easily recognize in him that generous heart and those charitable feelings which he possessed in an eminent degree. Who is not aware of the feeling appeals which he used to make on St. Patrick's Day, and on other occasions throughout the year, in order that relief might be brought to the indigent. He felt the greatest pleasure in encouraging a society of pious and charitable ladies, established for the purpose of relieving poor children and clothing them, so that they could be sent to school and prepared for their first Communions. They bore the deserved title of "Ladies of the Benevolent Society," and many a father or mother had reason to bear in loving remembrance him who encouraged such an association, in consequence of the many charitable donations made through the instrumentality of these pious persons.

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