

sentiments the loftiest as the most generous had so fitly met together! and that heart seemed to receive, and to repeat to us all, the words of the psalmist: *Let thy heart take courage for the holy cause of righteousness; do manfully: viriliter age et confortetur cor tuum* (Ps. XXVI, 14.). Oh! how beautiful did they still appear to us the feet of the apostle of Canada, of him who had brought the glad tidings of peace to the shores of our country, who had *preached salvation and had said to another Sion, still barbarous; thy God shall reign! Quam pulchri pedes annuntiantis bonum, dicentis Sion: Regnabit Deus tuus* (Isaias LII, 7.). And the prophet again raised his voice to console those dried bones, by foretelling to them a glorious future: *your bones shall flourish like an herb: ossa vestra quasi herba germinabunt* (Isaias LXVI, 14.).

Happy the church of Canada, a thousand times happy for having been founded by a bishop according to the heart of the founders of the Universal Church! Is it not he, in effect, who is portrayed by St. Paul, in the epistles to Titus and Timothy? *It behoveth a bishop to be blameless*, says the apostle, *oportet episcopum irreprehensibilem esse* (I Tim. III, 2). The reputation of bishop de Laval has emerged spotless and brilliant from the clouds, with which some of his contemporaries labored to obscure it. In his very day, the Venerable Mother Mary of the Incarnation bestowed upon him a just praise, and her judgment posterity has gladly accepted and sanctioned: "He is, she wrote, a man of high merit and of singular virtue. So exemplary is his life that he commands universal admiration." It behoveth the bishop, continues St. Paul, to be *prudent, prudentem*. Amid the numberless difficulties which sprung on all sides, has not bishop de Laval given superabundant proofs of wisdom, of exquisite tact, of caution and of ability? He contrived to avert all dangers; dangers which arose from the conflict of powers, dangers into

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