

parture for the countries of the *Hurons* and *Iroquois*, which they fertilized by their sweat and their blood, entered into Her Church to pay Her their homage, to place their apostolic labors under Her powerful protection, that She constantly evinced Her merciful compassion, Her tender goodness, and unbounded liberality.

Bring then hither, as they did, the same feelings of lively faith, of unlimited confidence in her prayers, and of her tender love for Jesus, and the prodigies of her charity will be renewed in your regard, and the blessings of heaven will be showered down as copiously on you as they fell on them. For the power and the mercy of our God are not exhausted, nor are the credit and charity of his divine Mother abridged.

Does not this idea seem to be suggested by the blessed Virgin herself, when she inspired her pious clients to place her image in the sanctuary of the church already renowned by her favours? Was it not moreover inculcated by the imposing solemnity of the inauguration of the noble statue of Mary—holy and affecting ceremony which seemed to dedicate and consecrate over again her sanctuary, at the time when the August Head of the Church, by revealing to the Christian World, the glory of the Immaculate Conception, invited all the faithful to renewed and increased love and confidence towards her? Ought you not to experience those sweet and soothing feelings, when entering into the church, you behold the bright image of the blessed Mother, holding in her arms her divine son Jesus, the principle and author of grace, who seems to declare that it is through her that he intends to bestow them, that her hands are filled with them, and that she is there to distribute them?

Yes, D. B. B., you may and ought to believe that this statue, the just tribute of your gratitude and veneration towards the blessed Virgin offers you a new pledge of her protection over yourselves and over your families. Placed in the shade of the formidable ramparts that crown and defend your city and country, her sweet and endearing features will be to all a guard and defence more secure and more durable than all fortifications.

Come, then, all ye servants of Jesus, children of Mary, prostrate yourselves at the feet of the sweet image of your dear mother, come with love and confidence to tender your homage and to implore her assistance. In this time-honored sanetu-