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in God, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin, yearned with affectionate solicitude to procure religious instruction for the little ones of his flock. The harvest indeed was great, but the labourers few, so the holy Prelate's thoughts turned to the old loved land and to the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Religious Community he was anxious to secure.

Now, in this western world of ours, there were rare souls, choice flowers not yet in bloom in God's garden, which wanted only the fostering aid of Our Lady's tender touch to burst into full blossom and bear golden fruit. In January, Bishop Power visited Europe in order to obtain additional priests for his diocese, and money for the building of his Cathedral. He also applied to Mother Ball to send some members of her Community to Toronto, to assist in the work of Catholic education, when arrangements would be made to receive them. Her promise was given, and after the Bishop's return to Canada he mailed to her the following letter:

TORONTO, June 25th, 1847.

Madam,—

I have just returned to Toronto, and I feel more convinced than ever that a branch of your Community will succeed admirably here after a short time. I cannot inform you of the number of scholars (boarders) you might have, because you are likely to have (after a few months) fifty as twenty. As soon as you are known, the good Ladies whom you intend sending out will have as much as they can do. As a matter of course, it will be my business to see, especially in commencing, that they may have no reason-