

the prolongation of her life till the erection of the Confraternity, that she might be admitted as a member. She remained for several days hovering on the threshold of eternity. Immediately after the ceremony of erection, Monsignor Raymond inscribed her name in the Register and hastened to carry to her the scapular of the Precious Blood, presenting it to her with the words : " Blessed are they that have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb that they may have a right to the Tree of Life and may enter in by the gates into the city." A few pious words were added, a last absolution was given and in a few moments the favored soul departed from exile.

Other heavenly graces which were obtained the same day attested, at the outset, that the newly formed association was most agreeable to God and would be fruitful in blessings.

May we be permitted to mention here that till the last day of his life, that is for nearly thirty years, Monsignor Raymond worked zealously for the propagation of this devotion, by his preaching, writings and his co-operation in the foundation of the Religious Community of the Precious Blood. This venerable ecclesiastic, who was one of the glories of the Canadian Church, used to say that he based his hopes of salvation on the efforts he had made to spread and increase devotion to the Precious Blood.

In 1862, the Canadian Confraternity was affiliated to that of Rome. Some years later, the centre was translated from the cathedral to the church of the monastery of the Precious Blood. This was done with a view of facilitating the reunion of the members for devout exercises and for arranging the affairs of the Confraternity. The Association soon extended itself beyond the city and diocese, passing to the neighboring cities, various parts of the Province and Dominion, lastly, reaching the United States where it counts many zealous members.

In 1890 more than eighty thousand persons had been enrolled.

The object of the Confraternity is thus explained by one who has studied its spirit and advantages. The end of this Association is to make our beloved Saviour better known and loved ; to have His Precious Blood worshipped with more tender and grateful adoration and to have