

and are well nigh gone, and the memory of that time is waxing dim. But to those yet lingering by the way who witnessed its miseries, its horrors, it is still fresh and vivid. Many incidents and details come up from those long past years, but must be passed over. Two only I would fain to place here on record : the tender charity wherewith the French-Canadian people, dwelling on the shores of the St. Lawrence, at the suggestion of their beloved pastors, adopted the thousands of poor orphans left in their midst by the terrible ocean-plague, receiving them as gifts from Heaven, and cherishing them as their own flesh and blood, thus bringing them up in the faith of their martyred fathers—an act of charity never to be forgotten. The other fact worthy of note is the rude but substantial monument erected at Point St. Charles over the graves of *six thousand* half forgotten victims of the plague, by the workmen employed on the construction of the great Victoria Bridge. Surely such facts go far to redeem the character of our fallen race from the charge of selfishness and cold indifference to the woes and wants of others !

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