

“remain indifferent as to the issue of the present war with Russia, and its importance for the general interests not only of the British Empire, but also for the protection and prosperity of the Christian Church. Our sympathy with the Allied Armies, would, however, be of little or no avail, unless we were excited by them to raise up our voices towards the Lord of Hosts in their behalf, imploring Him to preserve them from all the horrors and calamities of this war, and to restore peace to the entire Christian world.” It might appear to an unreflecting mind, that he should have borne some sympathy towards the Russians, by reason of the resemblance which the Greek Church bears to that of which he was Bishop; but let it be observed that he knew his duty as a good British subject, as well as a faithful Bishop of the Church of Christ, and that swerve from that duty he never would.

At the demise of Right Rev. Remigius Gaulin, which took place on the 8th May, 1857, Bishop Phelan succeeded as Bishop of Kingston, taking the title thereof by reason of his having been appointed coadjutor with the right of succession. Would that God had spared him a little longer, to bear this title—for the happiness of his clergy and the welfare of his Diocese.

### THE GOOD TRAITS IN HIS CHARACTER.

HAVING already noticed the principal acts (especially those for which I could find dates), in the Bishop's life, it still remains for me to say, what characterized him in particular. Were one to question and ask, what virtue was he remarkable for having practised? I would be at a loss to give a direct answer, because he seemed, at one time or the other, to have reduced every one to practice. I mean to allude to *some* of the many good qualities, for which I consider his life was characterized—which came under my observation—and to which Kingston and the Diocese of Kingston can bear witness. It was not my intention, and besides, time and the circumstances under which I labor will not permit, furthermore I do not imagine it would be expected from me—to notice every good trait in the Bishop's character which came to my knowledge, or which might be apparent to the generality of people. A work of this nature does not demand it. Furthermore, there are few, who were acquainted with the Bishop's career, but can supply any deficiency which might be observable in this little work.

FIRST.—Let me speak to the reader of the Bishop's *devotion towards the Blessed Virgin Mary*. It is not necessary to enter into any great detail to make this known, for any person who was witness to