

tection of Mary, was attributed the defeat and hasty retreat of the enemy from before the small French army, composed almost entirely of recruits levied in the yet feeble colony.

The remembrance of the deliverance of Quebec, was still fresh in the minds of all its inhabitants, when suddenly in 1711, intelligence was brought to them, that a hostile fleet of thirty-four vessels were coming up the river, for the purpose of besieging the City again. Prayers and supplications were reiterated, many pious souls renewed the vow they had made twenty years before, and it is an historical fact, that a kind of judicial blindness seemed to confuse the councils and minds of the commanding officers ! for not only did a dense fog and a tempestuous hurricane prevent the fleet from sailing to any safe haven, and baffled all the ingenuity of the mariners ; but in opposition to the advice of the pilot, who had made forty trips on the river and asserted that it was impossible to avoid its dangerous currents, when the fog shut out the view of the land, the admiral ventured to proceed, nor did he desist after being exposed to the greatest dangers, until he lost eight transports and nine hundred soldiers, who all were wrecked on the sunken rocks of the North shore.

If we may be allowed to discover no miracle in an event which proved so disastrous to the mariners and so favorable to the City threatened with the horrors of a siege ; those who were under the awful expectation of such a cruel visitation and saw themselves relieved from the impending danger unexpectedly and against all hope, were undoubtedly fully authorized to attribute their deliverance to a supernatural intervention. Wherefore, to perpetuate the remembrance of so signal a deliverance, it was resolved, with one voice, that the title of the Church where the supplications to Mary had been crowned with such a happy result, should be changed from *Our Lady of Victory* to the more appropriate appellation of *Our Lady of Victories*, changing the singular number into the plural.

From this period, the Church which reminds the faithful of this country, of the great favours obtained from God, by the intercession of the Holy Virgin, was always considered to be the chosen and privileged sanctuary where she takes delight in showering down more abundant favours on her children, and still continued to be visited by those who desired to obtain from God, through her intercession, some