

CHAPTER IV.

1872 to 1880

REV. FATHER FRACHON—MR. PERRY—IMPROVE-
MENTS—SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS
BLOOD—SOCIETIES.

Upon the withdrawal of the Rev. Father Ferguson in 1872, Father Vincent himself filled the post of parish priest for many years, assisted by Father Frachon and Father Brennan. We read in an old paper that the "Memory of Father Vincent is still held as a sweet odor in the minds of many." Again, in the Weekly Review of April 18th, 1891:—

"The congregation of St. Basil's long recognized Father Vincent as their Soggarth Aroon, and with all classes and creeds he was extremely popular." An old copy of the Catholic Register refers to him as: "A clever and gracious churchman. No more charming personality was ever found within College walls. His fascination was simply irresistible