

seeing how rapidly he was sinking I discharged that painful duty. He received me with the same sweet smile and the same words as the first time and then asked me to assemble the community round his bed. When all were present he said :

' I long to tell you the good news I have just received. I am going home to Our dear Lord ! I ask pardon for all the bad example I have given you. I am so hasty, I may have grieved some among you, but, nevertheless believe me I love you all very dearly. I declare that I wish to die a submissive child of the Holy Church ; I profess my filial affection and obedience to the Very Rev. Father General who I am sorry not to see (he was then in Austria). I avow my love for the Congregation which has been only too good to me, unworthy subject, whom without any merit of mine it has guarded and sheltered in its sheepfold. Pray for me that the Lord in His infinite mercy may receive my soul.'

" Then he asked us to sing the *Ecce quam bonum* and embraced us all. He renewed his vows at the communion he made on Saturday the 27th the last day of the retreat.

Finally Saturday night while I watched by his bedside he asked me to recite the Penitential Psalms and afterwards to read selections from Père Eymard. Every little while I could hear him murmuring ' how beautiful.'

Sunday the 28th an ordination service was held which lasted until twelve o'clock. How the dying priest longed to greet the new members of his earthly home before he died. His agony began at eleven o'clock. He was perfectly conscious until the end. The community surrounded his bed and wept and prayed. He followed the prayers. At half-past-twelve the newly ordained priests entered his room. He embraced them affectionately and though he could not speak his sweet smile said volumes. After a few moments his usual forethought asserted itself and he sent us all away to dinner. As soon as possible we returned and continued the prayers. About two o'clock he calmly expired."

*Ecce quomodo moritur justus. Et erit in pace locus ejus !*

*Pie Jesu, dona ei requiem !*