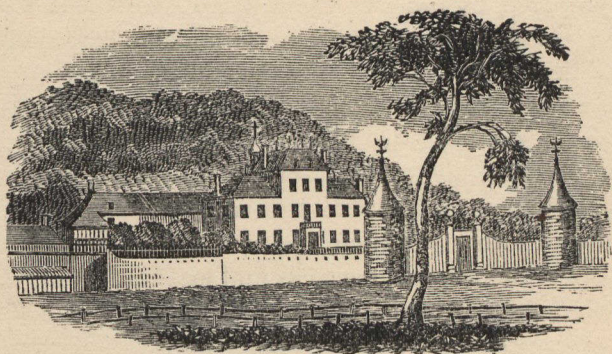


ings which have prompted them to retain these old landmarks. For over a century and a half, have these towers withstood the assaults of time, and in their early history



OLD TOWERS AND COLLEGE.

they served to guard the entrance within the wall which surrounded the old "*Maison de Prêtres*," as the first building was called. Within these towers have gathered, some of the early Priests, and their Indian converts, looking anxiously towards the dark forest by which they were surrounded, expecting, yet dreading the appearance of the treacherous and savage foe. Here also, the gentle Madame Bourgeoys* has sat, and taught the young Indian girls, and endeavored to impart to them some of that zeal which fired her own heart. How changed is the scene! Now, villa and mansion surround the spot, and there is nought of by gone days, save these two solitary towers, the last remaining relics of the "*Fort de la Montagne*."

Though strictly speaking, the old fort does not come within the compass of this work, still its connection with the early settlement is so intimate, that I feel justified in

* Marguerite Bourgeoys, the pious and benevolent Founder of the Congregation of Notre Dame at Montreal, was born at Troyes, in France, on the 15th April, 1620, and was brought to Canada in September, 1653, by Maisonneuve, who had been visiting France. She died full of days and honors on the 12th of January, 1700, aged 80 years.