

city, accept of an invitation to dine or sup elsewhere than at his own table. The priests were always received with open arms—the most humble as well as the most learned—and during their visit they would discern in that open and pleasing countenance, which he bore, no frown to indicate that their presence there was no longer required. The kind Bishop, unless he was pressed with business, always seemed sorry when his priests would take their leave of him. His table was set at all times, and come when the priest would, he was welcomed to it. His kindness at table was what I might term excessive, for he was regardless of himself, provided he could make one enjoy a good meal. Nothing in his house was too good for the visiting priest, provided he could be made to feel happy. I have even known him call his servant and order him to take the mattress from his own bed to accommodate the missionary priest. His good nature on every occasion could not fail to endear him to his clergy, and leave an impression that time can never efface.

SEVENTHLY.—*His mildness and gentleness.*—These good qualities of the Bishop were so well known to every person who was acquainted with him, that I will merely allude to them, in order that justice, or a share of justice, might be done that great and good prelate, whose memoir I am endeavoring to pen. No person, be he Catholic or Protestant, who had occasion to deal with him, whether on a matter of business, or an affair of difficulty, or simply in a social conversation, ever left his presence without being able to bear witness to his kind and gentle manner. These qualities were so well known to the generality of people, that numbers of them, both in the city and on the missions, would trespass on his good nature with subjects the most trivial, yet he always manifested a gentleness and calmness of temper that inspired confidence, and tended to effect the good which he might have had in view. I have often remarked on the missions how little children, who no doubt must have heard their parents talk about their good Bishop, would throw themselves in his way, in order that he might notice them. He never hesitated to do so, and by kind words attach them to him, so as to make them promise him to be good children and obey their parents. This little mark of kindness seldom failed to have its happy effect with them, and would no doubt, in after years, influence them to good. If the Bishop did appear sometimes excited or discontented, it was when he had to inveigh against scandal or scandalous sinners. When the glory of God was concerned, and a public abuse had to be corrected, he was inexorable, and would never desist until he had effected a remedy thereto. If afterwards the sinner appeared penitent before him, he would show himself a kind father to him, and by his gentleness towards him, gain him over to Christ.

Having now gone over the principal acts of Bishop Phelan's life, and touched upon some of the many good traits in his character, it might not seem amiss to recall the reader's attention to the reference I made to St. Paul's admonitions to Titus, in order to see if my