

which he three times brought to life, since, having first erected it with his own hands, he, after two disastrous conflagrations, raised it up again; an institution so admirably constituted that it has lived through the whole duration of our national existence, imparting to each generation light and virtue; an institution which has escaped all perils, and has, more than once, proved a rallying point, as it were, for our people; an institution which, through gratitude for its founder, has willed that one of the finest sanctuaries of sacred and profane science should bear his name; that institution is the Seminary of Quebec. Bishop de Laval was endeared to it with his heart's love, and with all the powers of his soul. He had created it, established it on a solid basis, intimately connected it with the Seminary of Foreign Missions in Paris, that admirable school of martyrdom and of evangelical preaching. It was, as he said, his chef-d'œuvre, yes, admirable chef-d'œuvre destined, without his knowledge, perpetually to repeat the history of his great virtues! Is it to be wondered that having loved it so well in life, he should have wished never to be separated from it, even in death? Therefore was he desirous to rebuild the chapel wherein he would sleep his last sleep, until the glorious resurrection. But the hardness of the times did not permit him to realize this fondly cherished project.

We have therefore thought, O. D. B. B., we would fulfil bishop de Laval's most legitimate desire, by granting to his worthy sons of the Seminary of Quebec the consolation to possess his mortal remains, after an interval of one hundred and seventy years.

Let them therefore go, and rest in peace in the blessed sanctuary, where Divine Providence seems to direct and place them for ever! The royal prophet, addressing the Lord, said to Him: *Shall any one in the sepulchre declare Thy mercy and Thy truth in the*