

Memories of Mother Teresa Hagan.

There remains but to add that for those who survive her example is of great value, whether considered in the humble beginnings, or at acme or decline. Her career was admirable from the first step to the last.

What unwavering constancy in the pursuit of her ideals to the end and how large the reward of her quest. Appropriately might she have said:

“O morning star, that smilest in the blue,
O star, my morning dream hath proven true.”

Her great ideal was a type—the character of woman. She knew what she was aiming at—the cultured, well-bred, intelligent, accomplished, home-loving woman. The woman of faith, hope and charity enough to face the realities of life and face them sweetly, strongly, unflinchingly, lovingly: her culture and her breeding qualifying her to lead; her courage enabling her to measure up to her lofty standards.

For proof of the realization of her “morning dream” one has but to look about one. As Lady Aberdeen so appreciatively wrote on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee—*Si monumentum quaeris, circumspice.*

One needs but to glance through the ranks of society in the city of Ottawa alone for ample confirmation of this.

From this point of view of clear conception resulting in distinct impress in educational work extending over so considerable a sphere and for so long a period she attained a primacy which ought to give her rank among the “Makers of Canada.”

As a woman and member of a religious community she stood for all that is noblest, highest, best; knowing her—her aspirations, tastes, reserves—the blamelessness of her life—one can not but feel that from the sward that lies above her the stately white lily should spring—an emblem more befitting the vividness and perfection of her life than anything in cold carven stone. Nor must it be forgotten that she herself was very much superior to all these manifestations; these were but a few effects of which her richly endowed personality was the determining cause. Reflecting thus on all this varied excellence—on the sanity, optimism and amiability of her