
ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

As a prelude to the disappointments and sufferings that awaited them in America they were obliged to take passage in the sailing vessel "Garrick" instead of in either of the ships mentioned by the Bishop in his letter to Rev. Mother Ball. The voyage was unmarked by any unusual incident; the Nuns gave most of their time to the performance of their spiritual duties at the prescribed time, as nearly as they could compute, and kept their hearts lovingly united to the Divine Pilot, Who was guiding them safely over the perilous ocean. After six weeks' sailing, they reached New York on the feast of the Seven Dolours, when the Church places before her children the sad spectacle of Calvary's Mount, the agony of a mother's heart, and the undying love of the world's Redeemer. They had left Rathfarnham on the feast of Our Lady of Snows, and under her protection had reached the New World, there to be greeted by their sorrow stricken Queen. Through the kindness of Mr. Dunnigan the pious travellers were enabled to find a suitable hotel in New York, where, notwithstanding the secular dress assumed to prevent their being recognized as Religious, they were addressed as Nuns even by little children. The sail down the Hudson by moonlight had an elevating effect on their spirits, and they raised their hearts to the God Who had created such scenic beauty, for Whose sake they had left parents, and home and country. With Pharaoh's magician they could say, "The finger of God is here." From New York to Albany they travelled by the steamer, which in those early days of steam appliance seemed like a floating palace. From Albany to Rochester they went by rail,