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some lofty position in the world, for the means to the end were in evidence; and the brilliant mind and graceful form left no doubt that the future held golden hours for their possessor. But all this was exterior, and God, Who had so richly dowered this fair creature, had quite other designs on the loving heart that was already entirely His in affection and in truth. While the sun was high in the serene heavens, and there was not the suspicion of a cloud, she chose, like Mary, the better part which was not to be taken from her. All her talents and facilities for education were only the means of linking her more closely to God, and of winning souls to His service. How meet it was that the corner stone of the temple of Catholic female education should have been chosen by her, placed and polished with exquisite care. Nevertheless, little did she dream in her happy girlhood period of existence, that she was soon to be a pioneer in the field of education of young girls in the New World, and that Toronto, the Queen City of the West, was looking across the seas, ambitious for the culture of old Europe for her daughters. But Ellen's day dreams then were all of the happiness of a religious life in her home land, and the utter vanity of the world. With St. Aloysius she turned her eyes heavenward and said:

"What's power, what's wealth, what's sceptre's sway,
Why seek I toys?
They're shadows all, they fleet away,
Give me eternal joys."

And so with the eyes that regarded the things beyond,