
REV. MOTHER TERESA DEASE

Catholic ladies of the highest social standing, were their first visitors, and they gave the Nuns a very favourable impression of Canadian society. Mr. and Mrs. Elmsly were their next callers, and from their conversation was gleaned the great zeal they had for religion, and their praiseworthy devotedness to the Bishop and Church. Mr. Elmsly's two daughters were among the first pupils of the Nuns, and they were followed by the two daughters of Mr. Lynn, an English convert like Mr. Elmsly, who proved to be one of the best friends of the Institute. Of these two gentlemen, the saintly successor of Bishop Power, writing to Rome some years later, said, "Two Englishmen, converts from Anglicanism, have saved the whole Catholic establishment in Toronto, by giving all their fortunes in security. I should be happy if the Holy See would grant a mark of its satisfaction to these two fervent Christians, the Hon. Capt. John Elmsly and Mr. S. G. Lynn, merchant. They resemble body and soul, those Angels of whom St. Gregory remarked, when he saw them for sale in the market place of Rome, that they would soon come to be called angels. Capt. Elmsly has gone to sea in order to gain money to help his Bishop, from which undertaking I was not able to dissuade him. He has also given me some land which I have already offered to the Reverend Jesuit Fathers in order to induce them to establish themselves here." As Canon Law forbids the consecration of a Church until it is entirely free from debt, that of the Cathedral (fifty-seven thousand, six hundred dollars) was assumed by these two gentlemen, and it was consecrated September the twenty-