

breathed forth her soul to God on January 12th 1700. Forty-six years of her apostolic life had been devoted to Montreal. After death, all trace of age and toil vanished from her countenance, which shone with heavenly radiance.

Montreal, or rather, all Canada, was stirred by the news of this bereavement. Crowds came to gaze upon Marguerite Bourgeoys' body, and to apply religious objects thereto with as much faith and reverence as though the holy Foundress had already been proclaimed one of God's Saints. Her funeral was celebrated in the parish Church of Montreal. Never before had such a throng gathered there to pay homage to one equally honored and beloved. An eye-witness wrote to his friends in France: "There were never so many priests or religious in the Church of Montreal as were present this morning at Mother Bourgeoys' funeral. The Governor-General and the Governor of Montreal assisted. The