

beauties in your character ; and when men shall say of you " A man is dead ;" Angels shall sing, " A child is born."

FATHER CHINIQUY.

The visit recently paid to Canada by this remarkable man, has excited so much interest in relation to his past career and his present position, that we know we shall perform an acceptable service if we attempt to supply some information on these points.

Father Chiniquy is a French Canadian by birth ; but he was born under happier auspices than most of his countrymen, for *his father read the Scriptures*. He remembers how, when he was but nine years of age, a priest came to the house, and demanded the sacred volume to be given up to him. The reply was, " You came in by that door (pointing to it), and you can go out by it !" The Bible, and the right of private judgment, were claimed in these words. In such a home, without doubt, were sown the seeds of that resistance to Episcopal authority, which has brought the son of this bold man into open hostility to Rome. Yet the lad was consecrated to the service of the Church, and was educated for that purpose in the College at Quebec. After spending some time in St. Roch's, he was appointed *curé* of Beauport, a large parish immediately below Quebec. It was there that he commenced that advocacy of the cause of Temperance, to which he has devoted so much of his life, and which has given him such a vast influence over his race. Previous to these labours, the French Canadians were fearfully addicted to drunkenness. Impressed with the magnitude of the evil, Father Chiniquy corresponded on the subject with Father Matthew, to ascertain what was the method of operations by which he had wrought such wonders in Ireland ; and, adopting the same plan, he opened the campaign in Canada, in 1845 or 1846. At first, he was opposed by the other priests and the bishops, whose own practice was rarely that of abstinence, but they yielded to his arguments and appeals, and generally went at the head of their flocks to receive the pledge at his hands. Father Chiniquy was eminently qualified for a service of this character. With abundant physical strength, of an ardent and active temperament, winning in his manners, and of consummate power as a popular orator, he was just the man to turn the current of a people's tastes and habits. Accordingly, he was detached from his own cure, and proceeded, under Episcopal sanction, from parish to parish, on a mission of temperance. It was, in the Catholic sense, a religious movement. He gathered the people together always in the church, his addresses were sermons, and the pledge was taken by kissing the crucifix after repeating the words of the vow. His career, in this work, was one of constant success. Often, the whole parish came out to bid him welcome and farewell, the sides of the roads being decorated with green boughs, as their custom is at any great festivity ; and nearly the whole population in each place, when he left them, had taken the pledge. For seven years he laboured in this manner, until he had traversed almost every part of Lower Canada. All this time he was a fervent Romanist. He had taken the stricter vows of the *Pères Oblats*, an order akin to that of Jesuits. And he was especially virulent against the " Swiss," as the French Protestant missionaries are called, the founders of these missions having come from Switzerland, and the word serving as a nickname, for it means also,