

days afterwards obliged to borrow money to meet the current expenses of his household. I have seen him giving away to poor priests wrestling against difficulties on the missions the very vestments he himself had been using in his own little chapel in the college. He died penniless—the best possible proof of the unselfish ends to which he had consecrated his life. How successful his administration has been is visible everywhere. He began his administration with seventeen priests, nine of whom were natives. He left behind him sixty secular priests, forty-seven of whom are natives, and besides there is a flourishing Monastery in the diocese with eleven regular priests of the great Order of La Trappe. He began with sixteen missions, and now there are in the diocese forty-three parishes with eighty-one churches and about eighty-thousand Catholics. Besides the college here and many excellent schools throughout the diocese, there is a flourishing Convent of religious ladies at Arichat doing excellent work for the secular and religious education of the young women of the country. And not the least of his claims upon our gratitude is that his wise provident care for us has given us the noble and learned prelate, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Cameron, who now so happily rules this diocese. It is but a few weeks since that prelate in a document he sent to the Holy See, described the illustrious dead as one of the most successful bishops in all America. Truly, my brethren, you are a happy and fortunate people in your bishops. I am going to say something which may sound bold, but it is nevertheless true. There was not a more humble bishop in Christendom, nor one who achieved more good with the means at his command. In his better days, before disease fastened upon him, everybody capable of appreciating his character, would not only love him, but be proud of him. He ruled his clergy by the law of love more than by any exercise of authority. His kindness secured for him in return the affection and devoted loyalty of all his clergy. He met the returning penitent with true sacerdotal tenderness and compassion, while he could meet the obstinate wrong-doer with firm and bold front. Never lived the man who was imitated less by mere worldly policy than he. His leading thought in all he did had for its object the glory of God and the good of his people. His greatest troubles came from his open, candid, generous, kindly nature.

“His very failings leaned to virtue’s side.”

I will not trespass much further upon your patience. If I attempted to do full justice to his character, where should I make an end? You, yourselves, my brethren, have had ample and daily experience of his kindness and charity. His faith was deep and strong. I do not believe that he ever doubted for a moment, of any article of the revelation of God, as embodied in the doctrines of the