

lated by the weight of our gratitude and admiration of the divine bounty.

The christian who has resolved to follow His divine Master knows well that he must take up his cross and deny himself. Since Jesus Christ endured His Passion through love, we, His followers, should, in the same spirit of love, rejoice in our sacrifices, in our daily *Passion*. We should say : " the more I suffer, the better I prove my love of God." This thought should mitigate the pains of our lives : labor, fatigue, privations, austerities, endurance of our neighbor, in a word every effort we make to practise virtue.

RECOLLECTIONS OF VENERABLE GASPARD
DEL BUFALO, FOUNDER OF THE MIS-
SIONARY PRIESTS OF THE
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD.

IN the year 1843 I was in Rome, writes a celebrated Prelate. While there, I had the happiness of seeing a holy man named Don Piaggio who died three years later in the odor of sanctity.

He was a priest and had given missions uninterruptedly in the Papal States, from 1813 till 1839, in company with that venerable servant of God, Gaspard Del Bufalo whom he had succeeded as Superior of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

Don Piaggio, speaking of the unbounded and marvellous confidence of Del Bufalo in the Blessed Virgin, related eight or ten evidently miraculous facts in which his trust had been visibly recompensed. They were quite certain and authentic, Don Piaggio himself having been a witness, and, sometimes, even an actor, in these impressive manifestations of grace.

Among other clearly supernatural events he gave the circumstantial account of his own sudden cure in the Holy House of Loretto, at the prayer of Venerable Del Bufalo.

Don Piaggio, then in his twenty third year, had reached the last stage of consumption and had been given up by all the doctors, but was instantaneously cured by re-