

CEREMONY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION
AT THE "PRÉCIEUX SANG,"
ST. HYACINTHE.

ON November 24th., in the Chapel of the Precious Blood, his Lordship, Bishop Moreau, gave the holy habit to Miss MARIE-ANNE HAMELIN, in religion, Sister IMELDA OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. During the same Mass, four Novices pronounced their vows... Madame MARIE-SALOMÉE D'ODET D'ORSONNENS, in religion Sister ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, Miss ELIZA LABRANCHE, in religion Sister TERESA OF MARY, Miss ALBINA VÉZINA, in religion Sister AIMÉE OF THE SACRED HEART, Miss AMANDA JOLICŒUR, in religion Sister ST. CLARE.

It is related that Racine could never assist at a religious profession without shedding abundant tears. Such noble and profuse tears from the eyes of a great poet, were indeed a rare tribute. But it is difficult not to feel some emotion, no matter what is our belief, when present at these Divine Espousals.

Those who had the happiness to be present in the Chapel, on Nov. 24th, were so profoundly attentive, and so touched by the impressive ceremonies of profession and of giving the holy habit, that we believe it will be agreeable to our readers, if we publish the ceremonial of the Vesture and Profession.

In the Monastery of the Adorers of the Precious Blood, the Postulant does not put on worldly attire previous to assuming the religious habit, but, clothed in her black robe, girded with a red cord, with fluted cap, and simple black veil on her head, she enters the Sanctuary and kneels at the foot of the Altar before the Bishop. After having questioned the Postulant concerning her desires for religious life, the Bishop intones the *Veni Creator*, then he blesses the Habits.

On giving the Red Scapular to the kneeling Postulant the Bishop says: Receive this Scapular, which should always remind you of the Blood of Jesus, which you profess to honor by a special worship. Regard yourself as impregnated with this Divine Blood, and, meditating often