

guardian of redeemed souls against his old adversary the Prince of Hell. (Rev., xii., 6, 7.) In the story of Hagar, in the wilderness, it is Michael who descends to her aid. In the sacrifice of Isaac, it is Michael who stays the hand of Abraham; and it is the same great angel who leads the Israelites through the wilderness. He it is also who descends to deliver the three children from the fiery furnace. The worship paid to St. Michael, and which originated in the far East, is supposed to have been adopted by the Oriental Christians in consequence of a famous apparition of the archangel at Colossæ, in Phrygia which caused him to be held in special veneration by the people of that city, and perhaps occasioned the particular warning of St Paul to the Colossians. Of all the recorded apparitions of St. Michael, the following is perhaps the most famous. In the sixth century, when Rome was nearly depopulated by a pestilence, St Gregory, afterwards Pope, advised that a procession should be made through the streets of the city, singing the service since called the Great Litanies. He placed himself at the head of the faithful, and during three days they traversed the city, and on the third day, when they had arrived opposite to the mole of Hadrian, Gregory beheld the Archangel Michael alight on the summit of that monument, and sheath his sword, dripping with blood. Then Gregory knew that the plague was stayed, and a church was there dedicated in honor of the archangel, and the tomb of Hadrian has since been called the castle of St Angelo.

In all representations of St. Michael, he is young and beautiful, but severe in youthful beauty," as one who carries on a perpetual contest with the powers of evil. He is the Angelic Paladin, armed in a dazzling coat of mail, with sword and spear and shield. Thus we see him standing by the throne of the Madonna, or worshipping at the feet of the Divine Infant.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

On the 24th of January, 1881, another of Canada's oldest settlers and citizens breathed his last at River Beaudette. Thomas Rogers, the name of the lamented centenarian, had attained a venerable old age, the span of his life counting in 103 years. He was born on the 25 of December, in the year 1778, in the Parish of Aughalaburchet, Fermanagh County, Ireland.