

the principal feasts, and of performing other acts of penance in order to celebrate more worthily those festivals of love.

At the age of nine he received what he ever after considered the severest blow of his life. The grandmother whom he so affectionately loved was called by God to her merited reward. In after-years, says Michael Antore, who knew him at the time, the mere mention of her name was often enough to bring tears to his eyes; and whenever he was able, his dearest delight was to spend some time in prayer at the tomb of her who had been so true a friend and from whom he had early learned so tender a love for God.

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### ORDINATION DAY.

**S**ACERDOS alter Christus. Thought sublime  
That leads to heights no human mind may  
climb !  
A thought to cherish in thy inmost heart :  
Another Christ, anointed priest, thou art—

In rank, above all men, so near divine  
Archangels claim a lower throne than thine.  
In power greater than the king who sways  
Earth's mightiest realm, for thee e'en God obeys :  
He quits high heaven's court at thy command,  
Descending swift into thy outstretched hand.  
A Christ in rank and power, oh ! 'tis meet  
That thou the fair resemblance shouldst complete.  
Be thine His patient pity, love and zeal ;  
Be thine the wounds of aching hearts to heal ;  
Be thine to follow whither lost sheep roam  
And bring them kindly on thy shoulders home.  
Be thine thy Master's cross with love to bear,  
And thine in endless life His crown to wear !

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