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## DEDICATION.

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WHEN works are dedicated to other parties, it is done because they have shown some act of kindness, of friendship, to the author, have taken him by the hand, and nursed him under their protection, or are by him loved and respected.

I cannot boast, that, in the progress and development of my new theory of the solar system, I have had help from friends, or the great, or learned ones of mankind; but it pleased God so to direct my thoughts and change the proposed end of a business speculation, as to lead to the result of my discovering and propounding "the Simplicity of the Creation."

In the subsequent pages I have shown how God created matter, to which He gave laws and properties; that He created no forces, because He alone is *the* self-acting force Himself, and that this self-acting force is exercised by Him then only, when He supersedes, abrogates, or suspends those laws which He laid down at the creation; and here I have the gratification of stating, that, with regard to the latter, besides many other favours, the singular proof and privi-



lege has been bestowed upon me and mine, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, and by a special act of divine goodness, of seeing one of the laws of nature superseded in my own house. And hence my dedication.

It is now more than six years since my dear wife has been ill. During that time, up to the 8th of December, 1855, she had been two years without the use of her legs; she could neither stand, walk, nor lift up her legs by herself when letting them hang down from the chair or sofa on which she might be reclining; and it was my daily office during these two years to carry her in my arms from the bed to the sofa and from the sofa to the bed. Often she said, that if God would but give her the use of her legs, she would willingly suffer.

Thus the grand festival of the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception was approaching, when a novena, or nine days' prayer, to the Blessed Virgin was to be made. Her confessor, the Rev. Daniel Gilbert, had promised to offer up the Holy Sacrifice for her on that memorable day, and the evening before asked all his penitents to offer up their prayers and holy communions for his intention, which he gave to my dear wife. The 8th of December, 1855, arrived; but for her no signs of improvement. "The festival has done you no good as yet," I said to her in the morning, upon which, full of suffering, she replied: "God is

very good; if He choose to do anything, He can do it still, the day is not yet over. About 6 o'clock in the evening, sitting on the sofa, she observed to me: "Had we not better say some prayers?" to which I replied, that we might as well finish our novena. Upon this I knelt down at the little table by her side and finished the prayers, to which, from pain, she was hardly able to pay any attention. After I had got up I saw her pray very fervently by herself, intently looking upon a picture of the Assumption on the wall opposite to her, when all at once she said: "Thank God, I can walk again!" and with these words she got up, walked to the picture (and myself following tremblingly behind lest she might fall), gave thanks to God and the Blessed Virgin for the favour bestowed upon her, and went back again to the sofa. Since that time, though continuing to be afflicted with illness more or less trying, she, notwithstanding, never lost the use of her legs again.

Whether, in this instance, God restored to her the use of her legs by a natural law, or by a special exercise of His omnipotence, by a supersession of the natural order of things: it is always *He* who accomplished it, He who allowed and allows the law of grace to supersede the law of nature; and in this instance He granted it through the evident intercession of His Blessed Mother.

May then this token of gratitude to our heavenly Mother

be acceptable to her and to Him who created her for us; may this monument travel far and wide to spread the beauty of her name, and wherever the starry sky is beheld and explored by the human race, may (not overlooking the Star of the Sea), "generations and generations still call her Blessed," and experience the efficacy of her powerful and never-failing intercession like

THE AUTHOR.