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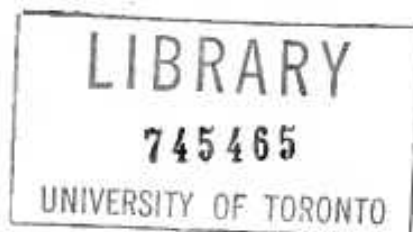
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Dedication



To the Very Rev. Charles Lecoq, P.S.S., of
Montreal, formerly Superior of the Sulpician Or-
der in Canada, and of the Grand Seminary of
Montreal.

To you, as one of those great priests whom God
And France, the eldest Daughter of the Church,
Have sent for saving of this favoured land,
I dedicate these verses.

 This New France
Must be a worthy land, and this strong race,—
Descendants of the Norman pioneers,—
Must have true qualities that they could claim
The love and the devotion and the zeal
Lavished upon them by such priests as you!

May they be prompt to heed your high advice,
And, following your wise leadership, attain
Those heights of Christian virtue and of faith
You have petitioned for them, offering up
To God your sacrifice of prayerful days
Your gold of service and your myrrh of pain.

PREFACE

The subjects treated of in this little book of poems are all French-Canadian, and most of them belong to the earliest portion of the history of Canada.

All Canadians worthy of the name should study closely the story of the men and events of early Canada,—the Canada of the French regime, which is often called New France. It is, perhaps, the most romantic and the most interesting part of the history of Canada. It takes in a rather long period, for, from the coming of Jacques Cartier in 1534, to the capture of Quebec by the British under Wolfe, in 1759, there elapsed an interval of 225 years. That is how long the French were in Canada ahead of anybody else.

During these pioneer days a severe and incessant struggle was maintained between the newly-founded colony and the fierce Indian tribes, who resented the intrusion of the whites. In the persons of many of their early governors, soldiers, explorers, and *courcurs-de-bois*, the French colonists attained to the highest possible point of human heroism and unselfishness. The heroism of the layman was equalled by that of the clergy, especially of the Jesuits, who suffered all kinds of privation and torture in order that they might carry the message of the Gospel to the

treacherous and degraded Indian tribes. The story of the Jesuit Missions in the Huron Country is of surpassing interest at the present day. Huronia might now be roughly described as all that land included in the circle formed by the towns of Orillia, Barrie, Collingwood, Midland, and Waubaushene.

In 1626 two Jesuit Fathers, John de Brébeuf and De Noue, arrived in this region and immediately began to Christianize these tribes.

With a short interruption caused by an English raid on Quebec (1629 to 1634) the Jesuits continued to preach the Gospel to the Hurons until the destruction of the nation and the breaking up of the Mission by the attacks of the merciless Iroquois in 1648-49. The story of the labours and sufferings and martyrdom of the heroic Jesuits, makes one of the most sublime and touching pages in the whole history of Canada.

The narratives of how Fathers John de Brébeuf, Lalement, Jogues, Daniel, Garnier, etc., faced unflinchingly the threats and terrors of the Iroquois, and died in testimony of their Faith, and in defence of their converts, is one that makes the heart beat faster, and the cheeks glow with admiration for those heroic pioneers of the Cross. All the scenes of their labours and death are situated about one hundred miles north of Toronto. And there, in the blessed Huron Land, can be seen to-day the relics of the Huron villages of Ossossance, Honatiria, Teanaostaye, Cahiaque, etc., as well as remnants of the forts and chapels erected by the saintly Jesuits.

Gazing out of the train, on the Grand Trunk Railway, within three miles of Midland, the traveller can plainly see, on the banks of the little River Wye, the ruins of Fort Ste. Marie, which was the central house of the Jesuit Missionaries to the Hurons. In the little graveyard of the House reposes the hallowed dust of the ever illustrious martyrs, Brebeuf and Lalement! A few miles away, near Waubaushene, is the site of St. Ignace, where those two great servants of God died at the stake!

Surely the Catholics of Ontario have reason to be proud of the glorious heritage bequeathed to them by these noble priests of their Faith. Is it asking too much of them to beg that they would study reverently and lovingly the records of these Huron Missions, and hold dear in their heart of hearts the memory and the sacrifice of these heroic Jesuits whose life and death have shed such imperishable lustre on the early history of Ontario and of all Canada?

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