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"Lives of great men all remind us
We may make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."
—Longfellow.

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INTRODUCTION.

It was with no ordinary pleasure that I watched the progress of this work, which has been truly a labor of love for my daughter. Some four or five years have already passed since she began the present series of biographical sketches of illustrious Catholics, not canonized Saints, yet worthy of everlasting remembrance.

How few, of our young people especially, know more than the names—if even so much—of Michael Angelo—of Francisco Ximenes—of Oliver Plunkett—of Samuel de Champlain—of Simon de Montfort—of Henri Larochejaquelein—of Charles Carroll of Carrollton! And yet each one of these names is an heirloom of the Catholic family. Each one held a foremost place among the men of his time, whether as the prince of painters, of sculptors, of architects, like Michael Angelo Buonarotti; as Christian statesman and wise counsellor of kings, like the great Spanish Cardinal; as Martyr-prelate and faithful sentinel on the watch-towers of Israel in a dark and troublous time, like Oliver Plunkett, the last martyr of Ireland; as captains and leaders of Christian armies, valiant champions of the holiest of causes, like Simon de Montfort and Henri Larochejaquelein; as one of the founders of a new and eminently Christian nation amongst the yet unexplored forests of Northern America, like the Sieur de Champlain; as the high-souled, upright, and enlightened patriot, worthy of the proud distinction of being one of the sponsors of the Great Republic of the West, like Charles Carroll of Carrollton!

What stern devotion to principle, what noble disregard of selfish interests, what lofty chivalry in its truest sense, is manifested throughout the whole career of these truly great men! What a singleness and unity of purpose in all, though their lots were cast in times so far apart, amid scenes so varied! Some, like the heroic leader of La Vendée, were called early to their reward; others when mid-way up life's steep acclivity; while still others passed away in the ripeness of venerable age, crowned with years and with honors. All, however,

faithfully accomplished the work appointed for them by the Great Master of the vineyard, and went down to the grave in the glory of renown.

Of these great names that truly "live in Catholic Hearts," the young author of these memoirs has taken from various lands the few that could be compressed into a small volume, for the reason that it gives a greater variety to the series in thus changing from one country to another the scene on which her illustrious actors played their heroic part. This, with the difference in manners, ways, and customs of the several nations embraced in the vast fold of the Church, and the ever-changing circumstances wherein the Christian people were placed at different periods of the world's history, contributes to give a more dramatic and attractive character to the work.

It has been the author's design from the first to make her memoirs as little dry as possible, and to bring out, as far as strict historical truth permitted, whatever there is of high moral beauty and poetry in these truly noble lives, each presenting in itself a grand and most complete epic.

If we would really combat the immoral and anti-Christian literature so alarmingly prevalent at this day, we must make our Catholic books and serials "readable." Even Catholic writers, going to work with the highest and purest motives, cannot afford to ignore the lighter elements of fancy and imagination, or dispense with the graces of style.

This volume of "Names that Live in Catholic Hearts" will most likely be followed by one or two more of uniform size, as the author has still a wide range before her, in order to represent even a few of the other countries of Europe and America. Her female characters will form a separate volume.

Commending this first volume, then, of the series to the reading public, and bespeaking for it a kindly welcome, I leave it to its own merits.

MARY A. SADLIER.

MONTREAL, CANADA, March 23, 1882.

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