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AS A
TRIBUTE
OF
FILIAL RESPECT AND GRATITUDE
TO THE PASTOR OF MY EARLY YEARS, TO WHOM AFTER GOD
I OWE THE GRACE OF MY VOCATION TO
THE PRIESTHOOD,
THE RIGHT REVEREND MONSIGNORÉ,
EDWARD JOOS,
VICAR GENERAL OF THE DIOCESE OF DETROIT,
IS THIS VOLUME AFFECTIONATELY
DEDICATED.

F. A. O'B.

PREFACE.

Right Rev. Caspar Henry Borgess, D. D., the late Bishop of Detroit, Michigan, visited Rome in 1877, in compliance with the General Law of the Church, which requires, at certain stated times, an account of the administration of a Bishop.

He was accompanied by his Chancellor, Very Rev. Henry J. H. Schutjes, several clergymen of his Diocese, and the venerable Mr. J. B. Mauntel, of St. Louis, Mo., a warm personal friend. After his death, a complete file of his letters, descriptive of this trip, were found. They were deemed worthy of publication. It is our pleasure to present them to his friends.

F. A. O'B.

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I.

On Board the Steamer "City of Berlin," }
May 4, 1877. }

Six full days have been spent in the enjoyment of "life on the ocean wave." This moment many persons are busy describing the scenes and incidents which have so pleasantly transpired among the passengers, now almost feeling toward one another as if they were one great family. Our good old friend, feeling confident of a favorable report about himself, requests me to write to the folks at home, the compliance with which affords me great pleasure. The cold, rainy and gloomy weather gave us a dismal start from New York on last Saturday, pre-shadowing a speedy invitation of the sea-faring ordeal, so generally and justly anticipated by all who have not been taught the contrary by experience.

It continued all day Sunday. The sea being pretty rough, the representation on deck and at meals was rather slim. Among those who ven-