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SISTER MARY OF MERCY KÉRUEC,
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Frontispiece.

TO THEE,
O SACRED HEART OF JESUS,
BURNING WITH LOVE,
WE OFFER THESE MEMOIRS OF
A SOUL WHOSE NOBLE AMBITION ON
EARTH WAS
TO LOVE THEE MUCH, AND MAKE THEE MUCH LOVED.
DEIGN TO ACCEPT OUR
HOMAGE, AND POUR OUT INTO OUR SOULS
THE TREASURES OF LOVE AND HOLY GENEROSITY
WITH WHICH SHE WHO LONGED TO
IMITATE THY LIFE AS A
VICTIM IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
EVER STROVE TO REPAY THY
LOVE AND BENEFITS



PREFACE

"THE Lord," says Lacordaire, "takes pleasure in gathering His flowers in the spring and His fruits in the autumn." Sister Mary of Mercy Kérue! was still but a spring flower when she was culled by the Divine Master and borne by Him to the fair Garden of Paradise. All who knew her had formed high hopes for her future, so well suited did she seem to do fruitful work for God here on earth and so perfectly did she understand the beauty of her vocation and the means for carrying it out to the full. Nevertheless, she had hardly begun her religious life when, a few months after her Profession, she left all who loved her so dearly on earth, in order to be united to her Divine Spouse in Heaven. "God's ways are not our ways, nor His thoughts our thoughts." (Cf. Is. lv. 9.) But will not God yet make use of this valiant religious, in whose heart He had implanted such great zeal, to do good to other souls?

It has seemed to those who knew her best that even after her death she would continue her mission

of doing good : that the account of her short life, of her trials and graces, and the burning aspirations of her soul would interest and edify many, and, although she was not left long to devote herself to the work so dear to her heart, that she would incite others to do so in her place. She who understood so well how to unite the active life with the contemplative will teach by her example how the interior life can and ought always to go hand in hand with that of external devotedness to work, and how the exercises that refer immediately to God ought to be as much loved as the duties in which we spend our lives for Him. . . . May Sister Mary of Mercy, whose beautiful soul we have the firm confidence is now enjoying in Heaven a life of union with her Divine Spouse, pray for those still struggling on earth. May she obtain the grace that the lights she received from on high may enlighten many other souls, and thus increase the number of hearts burning like hers with love and zeal.

AUGUSTUS SAUDREAU,

Priest.

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