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THE excellent letters of the author of this Life, Mgr. D'Hulst of the Catholic Institute of France, and of His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, say so well and so much better than I can the lesson conveyed by the life of "A Martyr of Our Own Times," that it is only needful to direct the reader's attention to them.

May this little work prove the germ of a fruitful growth of the missionary spirit among our American youth.

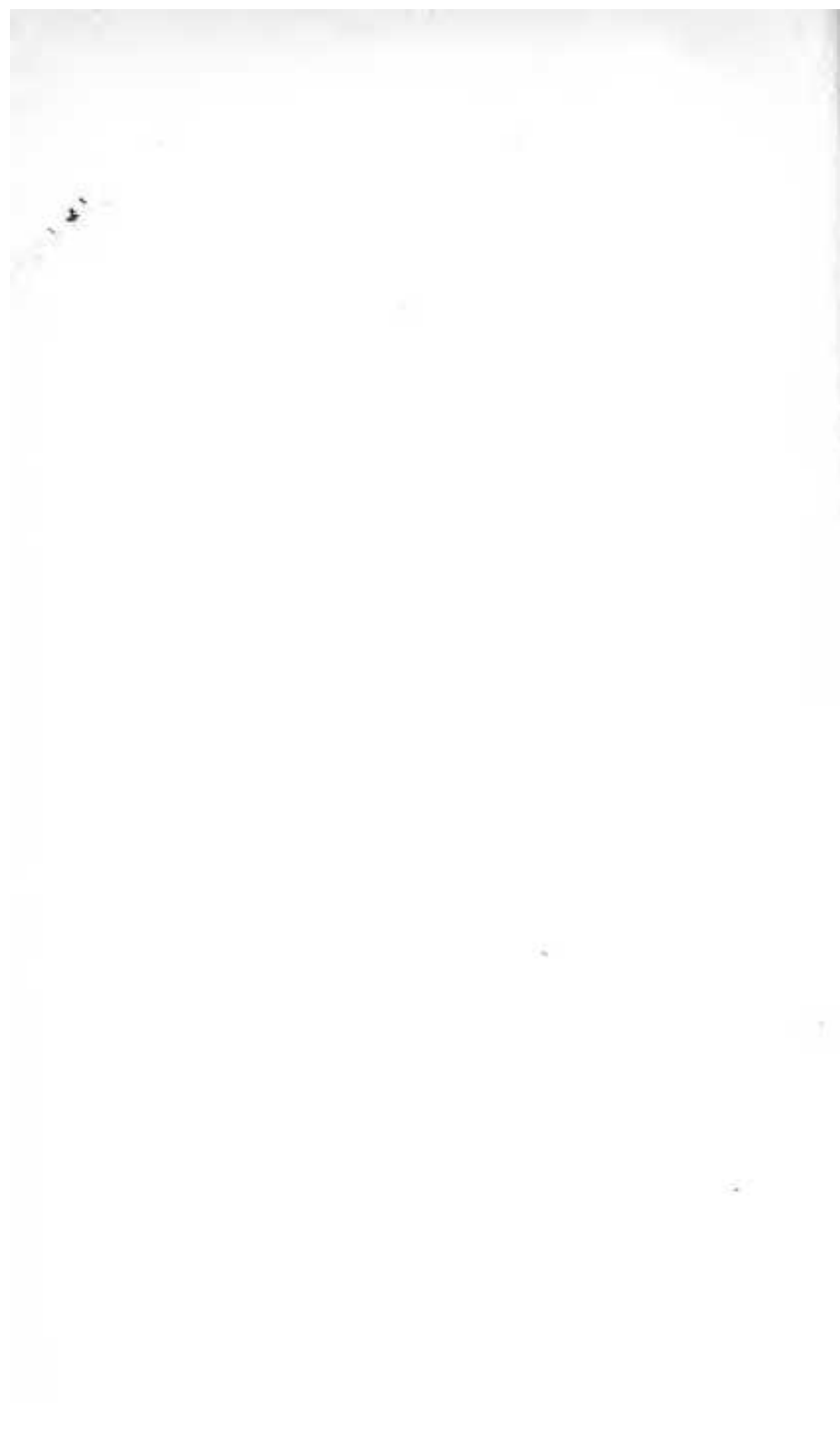
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TO
St. Joseph,
THE FIRST MISSIONER,
WHO, IN THE FLIGHT, BROUGHT
OUR LORD TO AFRICA,
THIS LIFE OF
A MARTYR OF OUR OWN TIMES
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LETTER FROM HIS EMINENCE JAMES CAR-
DINAL GIBBONS.

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE, 408 NORTH CHARLES STREET,
BALTIMORE, JEDUARY 17, 1891.

MY DEAR FATHER SLATTERY:

I am much pleased to learn that you have had translated into English and are preparing for publication Mgr. D'Hulst's admirable Life of "A Martyr of Our Own Times."

There is no virtue more needed by young aspirants for the ministry, especially by those who are destined for self-denying missionary labors, such as await the students under your charge, than a thorough spirit of self-sacrifice. Without this interior spirit the most exacting and severe exterior discipline is but a delusion and a snare, and is in danger of being cast aside as soon as the young levites are removed from the vigilant eye of their superiors.

This virtue of self-control, so earnestly inculcated by Our Saviour, seems to have been the characteristic trait of Father Just de Bretenières, which was consummated and consecrated by a glorious martyrdom.

God grant that the perusal of this volume may inspire the candidates for the sacred ministry with the spirit of self-sacrifice, which will purchase for them that interior liberty by which Christ has made us free!

I am yours faithfully in Christ,

JAMES CARD. GIBBONS,
Archbishop of Baltimore.

LETTER FROM THE AUTHOR.

THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE, PARIS, 74, RUE DE VAUGIRARD,
PARIS, August 10, 1890, Feast of St. Lawrence.

VERY REVEREND RECTOR:

The labors consequent upon the ending of the scholastic year have prevented my replying sooner to your welcome letter of June 6th, transmitted to me through Rt. Rev. Bishop Keane of the Catholic University of Washington.

I am truly confused at your eulogistic appreciation of the little biography, the *Life of Just de Bretenières*, which modest work has no merit save that of being a sincere tribute to the memory of a holy life followed by a holy death.

I am greatly pleased to think that, translated into English, this simple narration may help enkindle in the hearts of American youths preparing for the priesthood the fires of the apostolic spirit.

Your American Church is the fruit of the apostolate of old Europe. Hence it is but just that, having attained the degree of prosperity and moral power which we now behold with admiration, she should, in turn, bear her tribute to a more distant apostolate. Heretofore this young Church has been absorbed, as it were, in the work of her own increase and growth, finding in the immensity of the territories of American civilization ample sphere for the display of her zeal.

Now, however, that the Catholic hierarchy is firmly established throughout the extent of the vast continent upon which you live, why should you not cross the Pacific as did your fathers the Atlantic, and join upon Asia's ancient soil your European brethren, uniting your labors to theirs, and with them struggling,