

CIRCULAR LETTER, No. 42,
OF THE
VERY REVEREND SUPERIOR-GENERAL
OF THE
Congregation of the Holy Cross.

J. M. J.

NOTRE DAME, September 12, 1873.

REV. FATHERS AND DEAR BROTHERS IN JESUS CHRIST:

I am in receipt of the following letter announcing the edifying death of one of our good Brothers in France:

NEUILLY, August 27, 1873.
"VERY REV. FATHER: The good BROTHER VINCENT DE PAUL has just died, at La Faye, fortified by the Sacraments of our Holy Church. It was on the 22d inst. he gave back his beautiful soul to God, at the age of sixty-seven years and some months. Among those who knew him there was but one voice, to say that his death is a veritable gain to the Congregation, which will find in him an intercessor in heaven. He was a perfect model of a Religious in his sweet charity, his piety, his simplicity, his obedience and humility. These beautiful virtues made him beloved by all his *confrères* and cherished by our orphans, who could not refrain from weeping when they saw him on his death-bed.

"But alas! before the justice of God this beautiful soul may still have to expiate some faults due to human frailty. Therefore I beg you to ask for him of the Congregation the suffrages of the Rule. The good Brother was professed.

"Accept, Very Rev. Father, the assurance of my respectful devotedness,

"Jos. RÉZÉ."

I need not add anything to the foregoing communication. I trust you will offer immediately to God the suffrages secured by the Rules to our dear deceased Brother.

E. SORIN.

SUPPLEMENT TO CIRCULAR LETTER No. 41.

Our Rev. Father Geoffrion, of St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, writing on the 10th of July, informs us that at the moment he was sending to the railroad station the body of Rev. Father Hupier, to be sent on to Canada, by order of the Assistant Provincial, the parishioners of Memramcook had, by stealth, taken away the body, and at the moment of writing he could not discover where the good Acadians had hidden it. What could better reveal to us the veneration which virtue inspires, and the profound attachment which it so soon created in upright hearts! The Rev. Father Hupier had sojourned only ten months at Memramcook, and two of those he spent accompanying Mgr. the Bishop of Chatham in his visit through his mission. I cannot suppress this incident, which confirms so well all my presentiments.

BRO. TIMOTHY (P. Coffee), aged 73, Professed, died at Notre Dame on the 29th of May, 1873, fortified by the last Sacraments. *Homo simplex et justus.*

BRO. SIMEON (Dominick Flemming), Professed, aged about 35, died at Notre Dame, Indiana, on the 22d of August, 1873, fortified by the last Sacraments.