

trees and offered up the Holy Sacrifice in God's first temple. On one occasion the Bishop confirmed a large number of people in the beautiful grove adjoining the home of Charley Quapaw, at that time head chief of the tribe. The work soon became too great for one person, and the Muskogee missionary found a most valuable co-laborer in Father Willibrod, of the Order of St. Benedict. In spite of strong opposition on the part of the adopted Indians, the Quapaws set apart forty acres of land for *their* church. In the council in which the grant was made, Buffalo Calf, one of the leading spirits said: "I do not care much for the white man's religion, and I will not consent to give land to any church except the Catholic Church. I am willing to give land to that Church because it is *our* Church."

Through the generosity of Rev. Mother Katharine Drexel, a comfortable church, school and presbytery were erected, and a day school was begun, with Mrs. Alice Valliere as teacher. The need for a resident priest soon became so apparent that the Rev. Dennis Van Huffel was installed as pastor, and Sisters of St. Joseph from Muskogee took charge of the school. The mission was very poor and difficult to care for, and it seemed impossible for anyone to endure the hardships long. For a time the mission was in charge of a very active missionary—the Rev. Edward Reynolds. He was succeeded by Father Edward van Waesberghe, who made an heroic effort to conquer the difficulties which beset his path. In fact, he succeeded in keeping his post for several years, when a serious illness rendered it necessary for him to be transferred, and the school to be discontinued. Father Herenthals was next placed in charge, and to his efforts is due a very creditable church in the town of Miami, just outside the reservation, built with a view to accommodating the Catholics of neighboring Indian Tribes.

By time and perseverance difficulties are overcome and great things achieved. The labors of so many priests, together with his own prudence, ability and unconquerable