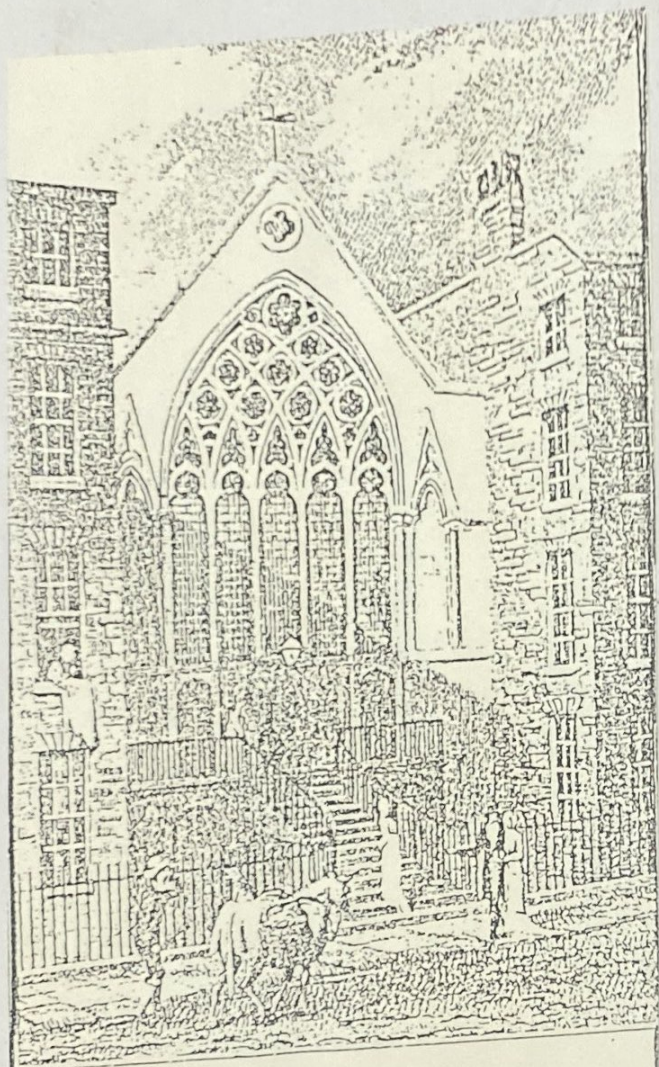


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PREFACE

I HAD the privilege of knowing Mother Magdalen Taylor in the closing years of her life, both here in England and in Rome; and I was thus able to form a deservedly high opinion of her personal character, of her trust in God, of her valiant devotion to duty under the strain of increasing illness, and of the value and importance of the work to which God called her as foundress. She was pleased to speak to me with confidence, both in relation to my office as ecclesiastical superior of some of the houses of her Institute, and on terms of the real friendship which grew up between us. As I look back, her personality remains in my memory as that of one of the outstanding women whom God has raised up for the rebuilding of His Kingdom in England. She is not unworthy of being associated in thought with Mother Janet Stuart or Mother Margaret Hallahan. God called her to do a very special work, and she lived out its character and conception, while she was in England and abroad—to found a new order of women with a special mission. The history of her life and of God's dealings with her. Chance allusions in conversation on other

subjects gave some slight glimpse of the past. But a real Life of the holy Foundress of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God was greatly needed. I welcome it for the sake of her children, especially those of the newer generation who knew her personally little or not at all; for the sake of the Catholics of the English-speaking countries who need so much the lessons and encouragement of saintly souls thinking and uttering words of wise counsel in their own mother-tongue; and for the sake of all who are willing to see that God's power is in these days in no way lessened in the workings of His Church. To all the name and the story of Mother Magdalen Taylor should be a source of high inspiration, of new endeavour, and of confident trust in God.

FRANCIS CARDINAL BOURNE,
Archbishop of Westminster.

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APPRECIATION

Rome.

Dear Mother Magdalen Aimée,

I have read with great interest and much edification the excellent Life of your Mother Foundress. I fancy that there are few now living that can remember her before God called her to be the Founder of your Congregation, which under His Providence and protection has done such good work for the Church in many countries. I can say that I remember her at Bayswater, where in company of other converts of the early sixties she frequently came to see Dr. Manning, afterwards the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. It was just before her sister was married to Mr., or as we always called him, Dr. Dean. Though of course as a youngster I never had anything to say to the Taylors personally, I used frequently to see her, and years afterwards I remember talking to her in Rome of my recollection of those days, and she was good enough to say that she recalled having seen me at St. Mary of the Angels, Bayswater.

The Life strikes me, if I may say so, as having been done by the author very well, and certainly it is full of incidents which keep up the interest of the narrative till the end. I hope it may have a big circulation, and show to all the wonderful devoted life of your venerable Mother for God and His poor.

Believe me,

Ever sincerely yours,

ED. GASQUET.

All Souls

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