

to it; for the Church having, from her dawning, adored in all Its parts the Sacred Humanity of Christ, adored also His Sacred Heart. For proof of this it will suffice to consult the testimony of some of God's saints : Bernard, Gertrude, Mecthilda, Francis of Sales, Canisius. No one denies that the treasures of the Divine Heart were opened before Our Lord appeared to Margaret Mary. But these apparitions isolated, as it were, the Heart from the other members of the Sacred Humanity, and while concentrating on It the worship of the faithful, gave an impulsion to the devotion in a way hitherto unknown. The wondrous vision of Our Lord revealing His very Heart to the favored Visitandine, threw such a new and vivid light on the relations He desired to have with mankind, and foretold such floods of grace in souls, that the apparitions at Paray-le-Monial were like a second advent of Christ into the world. The little town in Burgundy, being the cradle of this admirable devotion, henceforth became in the eyes of Christians a second Holy Land, a place sanctified by the presence of Christ, a place to visit and pray in.

The present year, closing a marvellous century, has been chosen as a fitting time for an international demonstration that will renew the scenes of fervor witnessed at Paray some years ago. In 1873, 1874, 1875, vast numbers of pilgrims from various countries went to adore Our Lord on the scene of His apparitions to Margaret Mary. Banners and ex-votos may still be seen hanging from the ceiling of the convent-chapel, bearing the names of nearly all the countries of Europe. Since 1875, the international character of the pilgrimages to Paray-le-Monial has dwindled down; the fame of Lourdes and Montmartre naturally attracted multitudes of pilgrims