



HUMILITY OF THE HEART OF JESUS.

HUMILITY is the virtue which is most pleasing to the Heart of Jesus,—the first lesson which He gives to those who wish to learn the science of perfection. He recommended it in His teachings, encouraged it by His example, bestowed it on His chosen ones, and rewarded it in His saints. Humility is the secret of His whole life.

It is the law which presided at the Incarnation of the Word. It shone forth in all the actions, all the mysteries of the Man-God. It pleased the Divine Master to divest Himself during His Mortal life, of all His glory, and all the rights of His adorable Person. He desired these humiliations ; they were for Him the object of a perfectly free choice,—of a love of preference. Thus has He taught us humility with a touching and persuasive eloquence.

Moreover, in order to preserve the remembrance of the example which He has given us, He desired to perpetuate in the Sacrament of His love, all the humiliations of His Passion. He is abandoned, betrayed, insulted ; His Sacred Body is exposed to sacrilegious profanations ; yet Jesus patiently endures these outrages. He foresaw these humiliations, and He voluntarily accepted them.

Jesus is truly humble of Heart, and His humility, if I may thus express it, is wholly luminous. It is because He sees truth in all its splendour, that He puts no limits to His