

cordial, even enthusiastic welcome accorded the official announcement of the Congress assures us that the Catholic population of Montreal and of the entire Dominion will not cede in the manifestation of its faith to the noble example furnished by Quebecers ; all shall form, so to speak, but one heart and one soul, so as to unite in a same faith and love Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist, and His Church officially represented by the Sovereign Pontiff's Legate.

But here also would it not be well to remember that the exterior eclat given to the Eucharistic feasts is not *all* the Congress. The exterior manifestations must necessarily be an important part but not enough to change its nature. This assertion is borne out by those who have followed the trend of preceding Eucharistic Congresses : in this as in everything else there is a right proportion to keep. The main point is not to weaken one element at the profit of another. It is a triumph doubtless that Catholics in the person of their most noble and authorized representatives come to offer the immortal King hidden in the Host ; but a triumph all heartily desire to render solid and lasting. For this end all the Chiefs of the Eucharistic movement, Bishops, Priests, Laymen learned and influential assemble, not behind closed doors as in a council, but in a vast hall where the general public are admitted, and seriously study and discuss the most practical methods, and the surest means of universally spreading the Eucharistic doctrine among Christians ; and in those still more solemn assemblies where the laity also congregate in crowds, the best Orators sing the glories of the Eucharistic Christ, and proclaim His sacred rights over individuals and society ; their inflamed accents contribute not a little to awaken the slumbering faith of some, and stimulate the courage of others, and arouse among all the religious enthusiasm always so eloquently expressed in the final triumph of the Eucharistic procession. Whereas a purely exterior manifestation would produce but a superficial and momentary impression, those Session and Assemblies, lay the foundations of a solid and lasting work whose practical importance may be incalculable in the Christian life, individual and social.