

the Lord constituted over his entire Church, Kings are not anointed on the head but on the shoulders to show that this unction of the head is peculiar to him alone, whom the Lord has constituted over all the Kings of the earth. And whom he hath anointed with the oil of gladness.

UNCTION OF THE HANDS.

5th. The Elected Bishop is anointed on the hands in account of his office and ministry and that he might know that he has received this dignity not for idleness but for labor and that from henceforth he might know that he is reckoned among the laborers who are to work in the vineyard of the Lord, and that he must undergo all the labors and fatigue of the scorching sun or piercing cold, that whatever he shall bless may be blessed and whatever he shall sanctify may be sanctified, in fine that his hands may distill myrrh that he may infuse the Holy Spirit upon whomsoever he lays his hands, and that the Lord when he comes might find him a good and faithful servant.

ON THE PLACING OF THE BOOK UPON THE HEAD AND SHOULDER.

6th. Who would grant me a hearer (says Job, 31. xxxv.) that the Almighty may hear my desire and that he himself that judgeth would write a book, That I may carry it on my shoulders, and put it about me as a crown. At every step of mine, I would pronounce it and offer it as to a prince.

Indeed no words can sufficiently express with what religion and devotion, with what piety and love a Bishop ought to embrace this volume, sent to him from above through the Divine Inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and with what sedulity and care he ought to roll over its sacred pages. Doubtless in it are found the words of eternal life, and from it he can imbibe the Spirit of Christ himself as from a peculiar fountain. It is said of the blessed virgin Cecilia that she never ceased night or day from meditating on its Divine contents. Truly every Bishop should say with St. Paul with regard to this book, I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God, for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ (Cor. 11c. 2v). Of each Bishop it may be said, as it was said of St. Paul. This man is to me a vessel of election to carry my name before the Gentiles, and Kings, and Children of Israel (Acts ix, 15). Yes, the Bishop has to carry the name of Christ to the just man as well as to the sinner, to the rich as well as to the poor, to the noble as well as to the plebeian, to the priest as well as to the layman, to the man who is in high station as well as to the low. This is the end of his vocation and Divine appointment. This is the end for which he has taken upon his shoulders this light burden, this sweet yoke, that he might carry the word of salvation to all committed to his care, and teach them the truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ON THE FORM OF THE CONSECRATION.

7. The Bishops lay their hands on the head of the Elected, saying: Receive the Holy Ghost. We read in the Acts of the Apostles (9c., 14v.) that Ananias went into the house where Saul was, and laid his hands upon him, saying, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus Christ hath sent me that thou mayest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost." A Bishop can never sufficiently understand the great things which the Lord hath done for him at this moment of the imposition of hands, a moment in which the streams of living waters are poured from on high and descends like a sweet smelling vapor to irrigate and fertilise the barrenness of his soul. Truly now it may be said of his soul what Isaiah said of old. "It shall bud forth and blossom, and shall rejoice with joy and praise." The glory of Mount Libanus hath been given to it, and the beauty of Carmel and Saron (Isaiah 35, 2). God does not give his spirit to the Son by measures, saith St. John (J. 5) Yes, He is not given to the Bishop by measures. The Holy Ghost is given to him not only for strength and to resist temptations as to the Deacon, not only to remit and to retain sins as to a Priest, but the Holy Ghost is given to him indefinitely, and for all ends, so that it may be said of him, with St. Jerome, that "at the very moment of consecration all the fountains of the