

« the world, the sceptre and quality of Queen of all creatures.
 « And if, by her body, Mary is so closely united to Jesus, how
 « could this divine Mother be separated from her Son as regards
 « sovereign power?

« It must therefore be admitted that the royal dignity is not only common to the Son and to the Mother, but that they have but one and the same royalty.

« Now, if Jesus is King of the universe, it is of the universe also that Mary is Queen — « Queen of Heaven, says Abbé Rupert, she rightly reigns over the whole of her Son's kingdom.
 « Hence this conclusion, expressed by St. Bernardino of Sienna:
 « As many creatures serve God should likewise serve Mary; the
 « angels, men, and all that exist in heaven and on earth being
 « subject to God's empire, are equally subject to the domination
 « of the glorious Virgin.

« It is therefore a duty for us, as for all men, to render unto
 « the Immaculate Virgin the homage of our veneration and obedience. »

But Mary is not only a queen whose subjects we necessarily are; she is also a mother whose children we are. Now a mother, although entitled to the respect and love of her children, ever remains wholly sensitive to the cordial manifestations of such respect and love and accepts them with as much pleasure as if they were not due to her.

« Consequently the Queen of the universe in her maternal kindness, far from disdaining to accept the offering of our goods and our persons which already belong to her, wishes it and asks for it in order to find a reason for loving, blessing, sanctifying, beatifying us still more.

In olden days Christian kingdoms acknowledged the rights of their sovereign Queen. France called herself Mary's kingdom: » *Regnum Galliae regnum Mariae*; England, the Virgin's dowry; Spain attributed to Her the victories over the Moors; Austria and Poland officially consecrated themselves to that Great Lady. Alas! how altered are the times! In our day Satan's devotees are more powerful than those of Mary, in councils of nations.

Amidst this defection of peoples and States, it is the day