

The Eucharist and the Rosary.

The Fifth Glorious Mystery.

THE CORONATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN.

Pledge of Future Glory.



HERE are many sweet pictures of the Heavenly Home-life that come to us in our quiet pauses at Jesus' feet, but none can be quite so encouraging to us as the one in which we see our humble Mother, with hands folded on her breast, and the lovelight in her eyes, as she bends before her Son to receive her crown. Deep down in her heart, she again sings her Magnificat, and then looks in the face that made life so beautiful for her in the days at Nazareth. She has never once disappointed Him, and we rejoice to see her crowned.

What is Mary's most beautiful reward in heaven? Is it the royal powers with which she is invested, the universal acclamation of the elect, the crown of glory which she wears? No, her most beautiful reward is God, Himself. Her body, so fair and pure, receives from the humanity of Christ, of whom she was the tabernacle, a majestic splendor that elevates her above all the angels and saints.

O Virgin most holy, we do not pretend to equal thee in glory, but nevertheless faith commands us to rely on the Word of God when He promised that He, Himself, would become our recompense. One day, we shall see Him, Face to Face, we shall possess Him with eternal and ineffable joy.

I who am so miserable, can I ever expect such happiness and such glory? It is as if God thought that astonishment would make me doubt His word, for He adds to His promises, gifts in relation to the infinite object toward which we tend. Saint Thomas chants of this great act of bounty in a hymn found in his Office of the