

our mere bodily presence is not enough unless we draw near in spirit also, placing ourselves, like Madgalene, at His feet, to listen to His words and His teachings. *Come ye to Him and be enlightened.*

Secondly, as a physician, Christ remains on our altars to heal us, as of old Moses raised the brazen serpent in mid-air to heal the Israelites of the venomous bites of the serpents. *Whosoever being struck shall look on it, shall live.*—During the time that Our Divine Redeemer held intercourse with men on earth, He continually worked miraculous cures on behalf of the bodily health of those who appealed to Him. Even more wondrous and oft-repeated favors does Jesus still confer, veiled under the Sacramental species, on those souls who have devout recourse to Him.

If we are discouraged sometimes by our failures in spiritual things, we should study the lives of those who run for help to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and are healed of their wounds. If we cannot succeed in recovering from our spiritual ailments, it is because we are careless in going to Jesus Who alone is able to make us sound.

Thirdly, Jesus remains on our altars to encourage and urge us on to acquire the virtues we need by the examples He brings to our minds of the virtues He himself practised during his mortal life. The Blessed Sacrament, therefore, is a remembrance of all Jesus has done and undergone for us, and it is on this account called by St. Augustine, a sacrament of memories. Moreover, because this mysterious love-token is full of life and animation, it imparts courage and vigor to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Still more does it strengthen and encourage us by reason of the example it puts before our eyes of the virtues which Jesus actually shows therein; as for instance of obedience in coming down from heaven at the bidding of the priest; of humility and patience by remaining so close a prisoner under the sacred species. We should place ourselves in the presence of Jesus and turn over diligently in our minds the virtues of which this Sacrament is a memorial and imagine we hear the Eternal Father speaking to us and saying, as He did to Moses from the tabernacle: *Look and follow the pattern.*—