

pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand the second time to possess the remnant of his people, which shall be left from the Assyrians, and from Egypt, and from Phetros, and from Ethiopia, and from Elam, and from Sennaar, and from Emath, and from the islands of the the sea. And he shall set up a standard unto the nations, and shall assemble the fugitives of Israel, and shall gather together the dispersed of Juda from the four quarters of the earth. And the envy of Ephraim shall be taken away, and the enemies of Judu shall perish; Ephraim shall not envy Juda, and Juda shall not fight against Ephraim.—*Isaiah xi. 9—13.*

Where is the Catholic who is not overpowered with joy at the success of this noblest of all institutes—that for the Propagation of the Faith? Where is the town, parish, diocese or district, which will not send forth its contributions to sustain this greatest of all works, and this most stupendous of all undertakings?

Before we proceed to give—from the Annals and other authentic sources—an account of the labours, sufferings, and triumphs of Catholic Missionaries, we here give from the 27th Number the following preliminary remarks.

“According as our Association adds to the number of its years, by the divine blessing, it adds to its progress; it is like a river, which spreads the more, the farther it departs from its source; and thus, as the receipts of 1810 exceeded those of the preceding year, the receipts of the present year surpass those of the last. And, as heretofore, it is to solemn recommendations, that, after God, we should be grateful for this increase. To the accents which we recently heard from the august voice of Peter—this voice whose sound is heard so far—the benevolence of the episcopacy has not ceased to respond; and the words of the pastors have not reached in vain the ears of their flocks. Not only have they produced now subscriptions in those dioceses already included within the circle of the Association; but they have procured the adhesion of provinces, which had remained until lately, strangers to our society, and hence it is, that at the moment that Spain, impoverished by her misfortunes, reluctantly withdrew its co-operation, Lombardy, moved by another Ambrose, has come to offer us its valuable co-operation. Where the zeal of the Bishops has not been able to make conquests, it has at least kept up the generosity of the members. At the present moment, as hitherto, offerings are transmitted to us from all parts of the world. Our new Christian congregations continue to mingle their tribute with that of our own ancient Churches, and still the glory of our humble treasury, that it receives its contributions even from those whom it assists,

and that, while distributing relief to our different missions, it often exchanges amongst them fraternal alms.

“But however consoling may be our success, we must still admit that we are far from the ultimate state to which we ought to attain. All that we have received, forms as yet but a drop of dew in our hands, and the future requires of us still greater efforts. Never, perhaps, did the Propagation of the Faith, of which we are happily the humble auxiliaries, demand greater generosity, and present higher expectations. Not only because the missions, already the object our care, are becoming every day more in need of our support, from becoming more faithful; that in the cities of the Levant the Church requires temples to contain her new converts, and institutions, to receive the children confided to her care; that on both sides of its vast mountains, upon the banks of the Columbia, as on the banks of the Mississippi, America multiplies its bishoprics and apostolic stations, that in the far distant archipelagoes of Polynesia, the harvests are continually ripening beneath the labor of the missionaries; that, in fine, to every shore, where the cross is planted, the billows of every sea, bear, at every instant, to toil and martyrdom, generous priests, or heroic virgins; but because to these countries, where the seeds of faith are growing with such vigor, new fields to cultivate are added.

“Five Vicariates-Apostolic will shortly be established in Australia, or throughout the rest of Oceanica. At one and the same time, Africa, which is already pressed on several different points by the efforts of the Church, will be soon visited on its other shores; and whilst the occupation of Caffraria will complete the missions of the Cape, other angels of peace will carry the divine word to the black children of Guinea. Such are the views of Providence; and what is worthy of remark, almost everything appears arranged for their accomplishment. Grace holds its dews suspended over the ways which it opens to us: the people are filled with expectation; apostles are ready to set out; Rome has already appointed them to cast their net: and who knows but that the winds and waves, aware of the will of their Master, are murmuring with impatience, to waft these messengers of salvation to the shores to which they are called? But one thing is wanted; the co-operation of charity. We await it, in order to supply the missionary with the vessel which is to bear him to his destination; the bread which will feed him in the desert; the cross, which is to be the lever by which he will elevate mankind: such is our humble task. And hence an additional necessity, which, independently of every other want, is sufficient to require of us an increase of our bounty. And what will be the consequence if we refuse to relieve this necessity by adding to our alms? We shall be obliged, in order to accomplish our designs, either to encroach on our former resources; and