

When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, instead of looking around us, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts ; the good God will open His also. We will go to Him, He will come to us, the one to ask the other to receive, it will be like a breath of one and the other. What sweetness shall we not find in forgetting ourselves to seek God ! We do not need to speak so much to pray well. We know the good God is there in the tabernacle, we open our heart to Him, we are delighted to be in His holy presence, that is the best of all prayers.

He often condensed his doctrine in his examples, forgetting that in relating them he was depicting himself and his long hours of adoration, as in the following instance when talking about the exemplary Mr. de Vidaud who was accustomed to rise very early and go to adore the Blessed Sacrament as soon as the Church was open. One morning, he was obliged to be called from the chapel of his castle three times for breakfast ; the mistress of the house becoming impatient at the third summons, he came forth from Our Lord's presence, saying : My God, we cannot then remain a moment in peace with Thee. A moment, the curé added with visible emotion, and he had been there since four o'clock in the morning. There are fervent Christians who could pass their whole lives thus absorbed before the good God, hours seeming like moments to them. Ah ! how happy they are !

We can imagine how this seraphic language influenced his parishoners. His soul was in his words and it was a soul of gently persuasive accents inflamed with a tender, generous and strong love for the God of the Eucharist. Miss Ars was the first to respond to his appeal, being joined shortly afterwards by three or four others. This group of souls, conquered by grace and tasting the delights of the real presence, increased so rapidly that soon at every hour of the day, in the formerly deserted church, as are so many in poor country parishes, numerous adoring angels were always seen, one in the sanctuary, the others in the nave or Chapel of the Blessed Virgin. One of the witnesses for the curé's process of beatification testified : I have known some of the villagers, who, so to speak, spent their whole lives in Church.

Thus was the cherished dream of the curé of Ars rea-