



FOUR OF ADORATION

Jesus Interrogated for the Last Time by Pilate.

PÈRE CHAUVIN, S.S.S.

Cum ergo audisset Pilatus hunc sermonem, magis timuit. Et ingressus est prætorium iterum, et dixit ad Jesus : Unde es tu ? Jesus autem responsum non dedit ei.

When Pilate, therefore, had heard this saying, he feared the more. And he entered into the hall again, and he said to Jesus : Whence art Thou ? But Jesus gave Him no answer.

(JOHN XIX, 8, 9)

I. — Adoration.

The accusation, that Jesus had called Himself the Son of God filled Pilate's soul with fear. "At the moment," says Ollivier, "memories crowded upon him, that of the cures effected in the Temple itself, almost under his eyes ; that of the resurrection of Lazarus wrought only a few steps from Jerusalem, in a village that could be seen from Antonia ; that more recent one, on the very eve of the preceding day when the myrmidons were thrown to the ground in the Garden of Gethsemani ; and this still more recent, since it happened only one hour ago, His declaring Himself the King of souls and that His reign was not of this world. The calm majesty of His countenance and His words, the quiet disregard that He opposed to the fury of the multitude and the Sanhedrites, the superhuman patience with which He endured without