

world, from Him alone nevertheless comes all power, it is by Him alone that Kings reign. This little Child is the Word of God. Judge for thyself whether it is possible for thee to struggle against God. No, I repeat it, fear Him not as the heir to thy throne, fear Him as the just and severe avenger of thy crimes."

But the Jews and Herod, the former with blind indifference, the latter with a diabolical intention, have placed the Magi on the way to Beth'lehem. After their leaving Jerusalem, the star reappears and leads them to the manger where the child God is reposing. Their lively faith, which has already overcome so many obstacles, does not abandon them at the end of their journey. Neither the poverty of the dwelling, nor the simplicity of Joseph and Mary, nor the weakness of the Divine Infant, can discourage their piety. It is he, the King of the prophecy and of the wonderful star, the King announced by the unbelieving priests and feared by Herod. And falling prostrate they adore him. And they offer unto him their presents of gold, of frankincense, of myrrh. "O lovely sight! O sublime mystery! O King of the Jews, King mysterious and sole of thy kind, because thou alone art at the same time rich and poor, humble and great! O King of the Jews, King of a new race, who whilst thou art still a child in thy Mother's arms, art adored as God! Little Child in the Manger, Almighty God in heaven, poor in the swaddling-clothes that cover thy limbs, rich and precious in the stars that herald thee." M. N. D.

*(For the Annals)*

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## THE WORSHIP AND PATRONAGE OF SAINT ANNE.

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WE MAY APPLY TO ST. ANNE WHAT THE HOLY GHOST SAYS OF THE VALIANT WOMAN

The foregoing doctrine authorizes us to apply to St. Anne the portrait of the valiant woman drawn by Solo-