



ST. ALOYSIUS, PATRON OF YOUTH.

TERCENTENARY DAY, 21ST JUNE, 1891.

IN the long chaplet of the year, each day of which is illumined by the graces and virtues of some patron saint, ever and anon we stop with more than usual reverence to contemplate a beautiful life, or lay our homage at a favorite shrine. The month of the Sacred Heart is one long festival—the air is teeming with the sweetness of opening flowers and the fragrance of the incense from the altar, and when our souls are most filled with delight in Him whom we adore, lo ! here we meet the feast of St. Aloysius, just as we might expect to find the angel saint himself in the very centre of the Sacred Heart. It brings us but nearer to Jesus to stop for a moment and rest our eyes upon the unsullied whiteness of this life's story ; to bow our heads with reverence before one who lived upon the earth without seeming to tread upon it, who passed among men borne along upon the wings of innocence and love.

Oh favored Catholic youth to have such a Patron ! Come and behold the gentle light which the Church holds up to lead your faltering footsteps !