

cannot have varied much from the touching conversation of Leo on his Polynesian apostles. This we find in a letter of Father Victor Jouet, M. S. H., in the *Annals* of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart :—

“ When our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII, had informed you,” he writes, “ through the beautiful rescript of Cardinal Simeoni, of the intense joy he experienced at your acceptance of the missions of Oceanica, I had the favor to be admitted to a private audience. His Holiness addressed me first on the subject of the mission. ‘Yes,’ he said, ‘I wished to see you about the mission of Oceanica. Fear nothing. *When one sets out, with God’s and the Pope’s blessing, he has nothing to fear.* I bless and thank your good Superior General, and as you are few in number, I ask only two or three missionaries—let them set out without fear. God will be with them ; however, let them be prudent ; let them not expose themselves too much without necessity ; the mission is a hard one, the savages are numerous. Let other Fathers prepare themselves to follow those who are about to depart, or to take their place in case they find there their reward.’ At these words the Pope remained silent overcome for a moment, and continued again, he said with an accent of voice that I shall never forget. “ I hope that divine providence will open to your society in those distant countries a vast field where the Sacred Heart of Jesus will reign over multitudes of souls !! The harvest is abundant, prepare laborers. I know that your scholastics work with zeal, and are regular and fervent, and that the Sacred Heart blesses your house in Rome. I bless it myself also, and I also bless your good Father General, and yourself, and all your Father and children.” I bowed with reverence to receive the Holy Father’s blessing. I kissed the hand which the Pontiff deigned to present to me, and I arose feeling a holy jealousy from