

him for one of the statues that surmount the tombs of his predecessors. But let his voice be heard in one of those immortal allocutions to which the whole world listens, and you will feel that the Holy Ghost speaks through his lips. More than two hundred millions of Catholics, in all countries of the globe, "of every tribe, of every tongue, of every nation," kneel down and repeat from the bottom of their souls the *Credo* of child like submission and enlightened faith.

Is it then astonishing, that, last year, during the glorious anniversary of the ordination of "that patriarch greater than Abraham, of that priest greater than Melchisedech, of that Moses in authority, of that Samuel in jurisdiction," all the world was astir with emotion." That crowned heads, without any distinction of race or creed, sent him, with the homage of their veneration, the gifts of their munificent liberality? That pastors and faithful, rich and poor, the learned and the ignorant, addressed unto him their presents and their vows? That France, eldest daughter of the Church, claimed the privilege of placing the triple crown on his august brow; that England, once the "isle of Saints," as an homage to the learned Pontiff, sent him the rich trophy of Catholic works written for the defence of faith during the fifty years, period of his sacerdotal life?

But what part shall we take in the concert of praise that, this year again, on the glorious anniversary of his election, all Catholic nations will address to their Father? Holy Scripture tells us that when St. Peter was in prison, the prayers of the faithful continually went up to the throne of God in his behalf. Prayer then, will be our offering to our Pontiff. We shall say to almighty God, with the intercession of St. Anne: *Dominus conservet eum et vivificet eum*; "May the Lord preserve him and make him live, our beloved Pontiff, may He render him happy upon earth, and deliver him not into the hands of his enemies."