

“ out of the door of his house till morning. For the Lord
 “ will pass through, striking the Egyptians; and when he
 “ shall see the blood on the transom, and on both the
 “ posts, he will pass over the door of the house, and not
 “ suffer the destroyer to come into your house and hurt
 “ you.

“ Thou shalt keep this thing as a law for thee and
 “ thy children for ever. And when you have entered into the
 “ land which the Lord will give you as he hath promised,
 “ you shall observe these ceremonies. And when your
 “ children shall say to you : What is the meaning of this
 “ service? you shall say to them : It is the victim of the
 “ passage of the Lord, when he passed over the houses of
 “ the children of Israel in Egypt, striking the Egyptians
 “ and saving our houses.

“ And the people, bowing themselves, adored.

“ And the children of Israel, going forth did as the
 “ Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron. And it came
 “ to pass at midnight, the Lord slew every first-born in
 “ the land of Egypt from the first born of Pharaoh, who
 “ sat on his throne, unto the first-born of the captive
 “ woman, that was in prison.

“ And Pharaoh arose in the night, and all his servants,
 “ and all Egypt; and there arose a great cry in Egypt :
 “ for there was not a house wherein there lay not one dead.

“ And Pharaoh, calling Moses and Aaron in the night,
 “ said : Arise and go forth from amongst my people, you
 “ and the children of Israel : go, sacrifice to the Lord as
 “ you say. And departing, bless me. And the Egyp-
 “ tians pressed the people to go forth out of the land
 “ speedily, saying : We shall all die. And the same day
 “ the Lord brought forth the children of Israel out of the
 “ land of Egypt.” (Exode, XII).

Such was the first pasch; and it continued, every year,
 to be celebrated by all the Hebrews with the very same
 ceremonies until the last lawful one, the last supper, when
 the true Lamb of God came himself to be immolated, to
 be given to the faithful, to be the life of the world. This
 last lawful pasch of the old Law is related by Saint Luke
 in the following terms :

“ The day came on which it was necessary that the
 “ pasch should be killed. And Jesus sent Peter and