

Adoration were also present in large numbers. Père Eymard delivered the sermon. He began with these words :

"One day Saint John the Baptist received a deputation from the High Priests of the Jews, who said to him : '*Tu quis es ?* Who are thou ? It seems to me, gentlemen, that your presence here to-day proposes to me the same question. 'Who are you ? What is this new work ?'

"To the first I answer, '*Nothing.*' And may we ever be *nothing* in the hands of God ! We have nothing that contributes to the glory, the success, the power of a work. Were we great by birth, or by the protection of the high-born and influential, we should fear that God was not with us." . . . "We began with the benediction of Holy Church. . . . "But what is this new work ? It is the Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The title of our religious is Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament. The end of our Institute is to render glory and honor to Jesus by the perpetual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and to discharge all other ministrations in connection with its noble end."

From that day the Blessed Sacrament was exposed three times a week. Vocations were rare. Many tried, but few persevered. Père Eymard accepted this new trial with his usual faith. "We are not capable of giving vocation," he used to say, "but the seed is sown. We have only to let it rot in the earth that it may germinate in God's good time."

Another trial overtook the work hardly begun. They had to leave their little Bethlehem so dear to them, and for over a year search through Paris for some place suitable for their new project ; but none could be found. Very often they thought they had at last what they wanted, but their hope proved vain.

One day a chapel admirably adapted to their purpose was offered them, but with no house near by for the Fathers. "How consoling !" exclaimed the Founder, "we shall begin by lodging our dear Lord, the King, before His servants are housed. That is just as it should be. But He is so good, He will find us a dwelling later."