

HOLY TABERNACLE ASSOCIATION.

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In beginning this Second Annual Report of our dear "Holy Tabernacle Association" we feel it to be an imperative duty to express our gratitude. Yes, deep, heartfelt gratitude; first, to God, who deigned to look with pleasure on the anxiety we felt for the neatness, the cleanliness, we dare not say, the glory of His Sacred Altars. Our un-
casiness touched His Sacred Heart, and He blessed our little Association, sending us a large number of new members, consequently increasing our resources, and enabling us to extend the sphere of our beneficent charity. (1) To Him then above all, and for all, be our grateful homage. Secondly, to you dear Associates, whose indefatigable zeal, persevering charity, love for the Eucharistic God, and devotedness to all that relates to His glory have drawn down upon our work the choicest favors of heaven. It was impossible for the Divine Goodness to behold your activity, your constancy and not associate Himself to your efforts, so it is to your generous actions we owe His assistance, and consequently the wonderful success which this Report will fully prove. Thanks then to you once more, and thanks to all those who by their prayers or by their words have been the helpers of our dear Association. As we have before said, the word of God cannot be without effect, and if He has promised so great a reward to those who, for His love, give food and shelter and consolation to the poor, the houseless and the afflicted; how much greater and super-abundant will be that granted to those who by their labors and their alms assist in person the Divine Mendicant of our Tabernacles! Yes, dear Associates! Jesus Himself stretches forth His hand to us saying: "I am in need, help me," then raising up towards heaven that hand which you have filled with loving gifts, He says to God: "My Father! Thy children of earth have given food and raiment to Thy Son from Heaven. Bless then Thy children of earth at the request of Thy well-beloved Son." These thoughts

(1) 99 Parish Churches and 12 Chapels in 17 different Dioceses, have, during the course of the year 1876, received assistance from the "Holy Tabernacle Association."

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