

A turning of souls towards the Tabernacle has been a marked feature of the last quarter of a century. The Eucharistic Sun has gradually dispelled the chilling mists of indifference and developed the germs of evangelical virtues. This luxuriant blossoming of Christian piety in these latter times is, doubtless, largely due to the discussing in these assemblies of the best means of bringing the nations into closer contact with the Eucharist.

The influence of this increase of devotion is felt in every rank of society for, with it, have steadily multiplied works of charity and zeal. It is for this reason that Leo XIII consecrated all the energies of his last glorious years to encourage these Congresses and stimulate the zeal of their promoters. In like manner, His Holiness, Pius X, from the very beginning of his pontificate spared no pains to further these interests. Four years ago, he expressed his desire to have the Congress held in Rome, for the illustrious Pontiff saw in this institution a sure guarantee of the restoration of all things in Christ.

These solemn annual sessions have, thus far, taken place in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, England, and even Jerusalem.

It was our happiness last year to attend the magnificent Congress held in the Capital of the British Empire. Never shall we forget that grand and touching sight, or the enthusiastic evidences of religious convictions called forth from the devout multitude. When, from the balcony of Westminster Cathedral, Cardinal Vanutelli, the Papal representative, elevated the Sacred Host over the great City of London, it seemed to us that Christ was again taking possession of the kingdom from which He had once been banished ; that from His Heart abundant graces of light and faith were falling upon millions of souls ; that there upon the ancient Isle of Saints, from the opened heavens, we seemed to hear re-echo the dictum once pronounced on Thabor. "This is my well beloved Son : hear ye Him". Yes, those were incomparable days for England, giving rise in the souls of the happy participants of those demonstrations, to the sweetest hopes for the God of the Eucharist.

Cologne followed London in receiving this august Congress, and although, in regard to it, the foreign despat-