

convents there shall be a statue of the Divine Child of Mary. The beads of the Infant Jesus consist of a small chaplet comprising three Our Fathers in honor of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and twelve Hail Marys in honor of the twelve years of our dear Lord's pure and most innocent childhood. The *Raccolta*, the authorized collection of prayers indulged by the Church, contains some beautiful devotions to the Child Jesus, and notably the very one that is used on the twenty-fifth of every month.

In conclusion, it may be mentioned that the *Stimmen vom Berge Karmel* now devotes a special department to the *Miraculous Infant*—or, as it is more endearingly called, the *Prager Jesulein*. In the last November and December num-

bers of this excellent magazine, devoted to Our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel, page after page is given of wonderful cures worked by the Royal Babe.

Finally, dear reader, it would seem that the Holy Child, with his smile of innocence and simplicity, would wish to soften all hearts and melt the icy band of intellectual pride that holds captive so many a noble soul. May He succeed, may the sweet Jesus, the Infant King, reign with unchallenged sway over the Twentieth Century! Then may we hope and pray that, as He holds the globe in His tiny Hand, He may likewise hold all Christendom in the bonds of holy charity. May Thy Kingdom come, O! Lord, through Mary!

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY.

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CHRISTIAN people throughout the world rejoice on the feast of the Epiphany. So dear is this great festival to their hearts, that in many Catholic countries they call it Little Christmas. This is only what we should expect of a festival on which is celebrated the calling of our fathers to the Christian religion. Before the coming of our Divine Redeemer the true religion was confined to one small nation, to one chosen people alone, whilst the nations of the earth were buried in the darkness of paganism. Many evils befell the first man in his transgression.

The supernatural light with which he was endowed as he came forth from the hand of his Creator, and by which he knew his God and his obligations to Him, was lost in his unhappy fall. Not only did he lose this most precious gift, but as he rebelled against his God his passions rebelled against him, and threw a dense cloud over his natural reason, and this, with a will weakened and inclined to evil, was the bitter inheritance he left to his children. Thus the nations of the earth, turning away from their Creator, plunged themselves into the deepest errors and the most foul corruption, and, to crown all their infamy, they deified their passions and offered to them the homage of their hearts.

Still, God in His unbounded mercy and in the inscrutable designs of His