

Now, these preachers receive especial aid and succor from those who are wont either to supply the resources drawn from exterior things, or else to obtain for them celestial graces through prayers addressed to God. Wherefore, the Gospel praises the wom'en, who *gave of their goods* to Jesus-Christ preaching the Kingdom of God, and St Paul attests that to those who announce the Gospel, it hath been given by the will of God to live of the Gospel. We, likewise, know that Jesus-Christ, speaking to his disciples and followers, gave them this command : *Pray the Lord of the harvest that he send workmen into his vineyard,*" and that his first disciples, following in the footsteps of the Apostles, were wont to address themselves to God in these terms : "*Grant thy servants to publish thy word in all confidence.*"

These two kinds of aid which consist in giving and in praying, have this peculiarity, that being very useful to further extend the confines of the Kingdom of Heaven, they can be easily procured by all men of whatever rank. In reality, who is the christian possessing such a small fortune as to be unable to offer a paltry farthing ; and who is the man, let him be ever so much occupied with great affairs, that cannot sometimes pray to God for the messengers of the holy Gospel ? But apostolic men were always wont to supply these aids, and especially the Roman Pontiffs upon whom particularly devolves the burden of the propagation of the faith. Nevertheless, the means of procuring these succors have not always been the same, but have been diverse and varied according to the difference of the places and the diversity of the times.

In our epoch people delight in pursuing difficult enterprises and in associating the counsels and forces of many ; thus have we seen societies every-