

perties and its inexhaustible fecundity. In fact is it not watered by the unfailling spring of the Precious Blood? That spring proceeds from the throne of God; upon that throne the Lamb rules as it were immolated: from thence he distributes upon the whole extent of heaven and earth the fertility, life and glory of his adorable Blood. Saint John traces a picture of that eternal wonder in the following words:

“ And he (the angel) showed me a river of water of  
 “ life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God,  
 “ and of the Lamb. On both sides of the river was  
 “ the tree of life, bearing twelve fruits, yielding its fruits  
 “ every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the hea-  
 “ ling of the nations. And no curse shall be any more; but  
 “ the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it (in the  
 “ city); and his servants shall serve him. And they shall  
 “ see his face: and his name shall be on their foreheads.  
 “ And night shall be no more, and they shall not need the  
 “ light of a lamp, nor the light of the sun, for the Lord  
 “ God shall enlighten them; and they shall reign for ever  
 “ and ever.” (Apoc. XXII, 1-5).

*To enter by the gates into the eternal city.* It is the second privilege of those who have been regenerated in the Blood of the Lamb. What is the greatness and the extent of that privilege? What is the city whereof we become citizens through the divine Blood? What are its glories and splendors? Let us learn it from the beloved disciple: his sight has penetrated further than that of any other, his eyes have seen and his heart has understood; he has the mission of discovering and depicting everything to us, and he veils under the richest material emblems what our mortal eyes cannot—as long as we live here below—contemplate openly in their full reality. Behold in sublime allegories the so theological revelations, of the apostle Saint John:

“ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the  
 “ first heaven, and the first earth was passed away, and  
 “ the sea is no more. And I Jchn saw the holy city, the  
 “ new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven,  
 “ prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I  
 “ heard a great voice from the throne saying: Behold the  
 “ tabernacle of God with men; and he will dwell with