

## II.—THANKSGIVING.

In recalling to mind the Passion of the Saviour, the Eucharist thereby recalls the infinite love that induced Him to accept it, the gentle patience with which He suffered and the merciful forgiveness he bestowed on His executioners and on all sinners in general.

The love that led Him to accept the frightful torments of His Passion, the ignominious death of the cross, when He had in His power thousands of other means of satisfying the justice of His Father or of saving the world — this love, do you not see it shine with new splendor in the Eucharist, where Jesus, without being forced, but spontaneously and solely for our good, gives Himself up entirely to us for ever, without reserve or condition? — Do you not feel His loving tenderness breaking through the frail elements like the rays of the sun through the clouds, making the Blessed Sacrament condescend to the wanderings of your mind, the coldness of your heart, the apathy of your will, the irreverence of your dissipated senses, the lukewarmness of your life? Is He not good, tolerant and patient as in His Passion?—And does He not there forgive those who betray Him, treat him harshly and profane Him, as He did in the garden with Judas, in the court of the high priest with Peter, in the governor's hall, and at Calvary with his tormentors? The gentle and humble silence of the Host is a prayer that extends from age to age the sublime words of pardon that went up from Calvary: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Taste and see that the Lord is good and relish His goodness in the Blessed Sacrament in order to understand and enjoy the goodness of Jesus in His Passion.

## PROFITATION

To be convinced that the Eucharist perpetuates the Passion and death of Our Lord let us see if He is not here too, a Victim of like treason, of similar outrages and humiliations. Is it not to betray Our Lord like Judas, to receive the Eucharist in a soul soiled by the presence of mortal sin? Is it not to deny Him like Peter, when in our daily lives, we ignore the Eucharistic Presence, and