

verse and proclaiming His universal domination over the world and throughout the heavens.

"All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth," His powerful voice proclaimed. "Go, then, throughout the entire world, preach the gospel to all creatures, teach all nations, baptize them in the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and teach them to observe absolutely all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world."

What a superhuman proclamation!

Oh, Princes of the priests! oh, Pilate! oh, Tiberius! what are your torches of power by the side of this universal sovereignty whose empire embraces all worlds, earth and heaven!

The Voice had become silent, the Divine Apparition had disappeared, and the disciples remained motionless, kneeling, their hands raised towards Heaven, in the ideal contemplation of the Master who was no longer visible to their eyes of flesh, but who had promised to be always with them.

## IX

### THE FIRST DISCIPLES AMONG THE GENTILES

**T**HIS great manifestation of the supreme and universal royalty of the Son of David had had other witnesses who were not Jews, but who had shared the profound emotion of the disciples.

On the edge of the crowd, at the foot of the hill,