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The Spirit of Charity.



IF the elect who now surround God's throne in heaven, and drink in the torrent of delight as they contemplate, in the Beatific Vision, the infinite perfections of the Most High, had never sojourned upon earth or become conscious that the poor human heart is more impressed by the tangible than by the unseen, by the perishable present than by the everlasting future, they might well marvel that Infinite Wisdom should have deemed it necessary to impose on man a *precept* of charity: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind" (L. II, 27). It should have been all-sufficient for the creature to know that he owes all to his Creator, and that that Creator is the fountain-head of all that is good, beautiful, admirable and lovable, Yet, be-