

To bring back the esteem for priests which people ought to have for them ;

To reward the faith and love of children who pray so fervently for the conversion of their parents.

To show the missionaries how pleasing their obedience was in going to preach a mission in a parish so hostile to the clergy, without any human hope of success, solely on the command of the Bishop.

MAKING THE STATIONS



IN Father Matthew Russell's helpful book, "At home with God," we find the following words about making the stations, or the Way of the Cross as this devotion is also called. But, where he says that it would be an excellent Good Friday resolution if we were then to determine to make the Stations as often as we can, it would seem, just now, an excellent thing for us to make this resolution in these summer hours, this vacation time, so that we may amidst all our comforts and pleasures entertain some grateful thoughts of that sacred Passion and Death by which we were redeemed. Father Russell says :

"This is a most solid, most Christian devotion, easy to follow, and by the succession of pictures and changes of posture providing against monotony, weariness and distractions. No sincere enlightened Christian could possibly object to the Stations of the Cross if he really understood the devotion and how we practise it. Was not she a sincere and enlightened Christian, the poor old woman who said to me many years ago these precise words : 'I'm not able to read, your Reverence, but when I look up at the Stations and think what my sweet Lord suffered, my heart does be breakin' and I'm ready to be lifted up in a faint, to think He done all that for me !' How close this poor woman came to the words of St. Paul : 'Christ