

like not a few other non-Catholics, passed not by the text, "All generations shall call me blessed," as if it "no relevancy bore." "Thank God, there have always been found non-Catholics, the rarest and brightest geniuses it is true, who have done themselves the honor to think and say with the Angel of the Lord that Mary is "full of grace."

God, whose gifts are without repentance," having once willed, says the illustrious Bossuet, to give us JESUS CHRIST through Mary, *that order is never changed; and thus it is, and always will be, true*, that having once received, through her, the Source of Grace, we shall still receive through her mediation the varied applications of it in all the different conditions that make up the Christian life." During her life upon earth, she obtained everything she asked from her Divine Son, even seemingly worldly favors like that at the wedding at Cana. Now, that she is in Heaven, she surely cannot be less powerful with Him. And, as during her life on earth, she was ever ready to do good to her fellow-creatures, so now her patronage in Heaven will not be wanting to those who invoke her aid.

"It is certain," says Suarez, "that the Blessed Virgin in Heaven intercedes and prays for us;" it is also of faith, according to the common sentiment of the Church and tradition. The Virgin Mary, after God, holds the highest place in Heaven. There, according to St. Bernardine, she renders her children upon earth three kinds of powerful assistance. "She directs, protects and strengthens them." "The most compassionate eyes of Mary, Mother of Mercy," says St. Ligouri, "are always open to us, and seem to multiply them-

selves in order to discover all our wants." Mary is our defence, our guardian, our protector. Ah! who hath wandered far, friendless and forlorn—without a home, without an earthly mother—mayhap, over some wild, pathless prairie, conning the refrain, "pray for the wanderer, pray for me"—but was, perchance, made confess her compassionate maternal guardianship? *Monstra te esse matrem*—Mother mine, show thyself indeed a mother!

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As to our future, it is, of course, as the Almighty may please; yet we will say, for the satisfaction of our friends, that humanly speaking, the success of the ECHO is assured beyond a but, so much so, that of it and its subscribers, we are amply justified in speaking in the eloquent language of Edmund Burke: "They have increased, are increasing, and ought to be increased."