

did the Magi, from carrying the love of Jesus in our hearts, the grace of Jesus, His spirit, His love and His charity, therewith to sweeten the very atmosphere of our home ! Hard and bitter hearts, hearts closed by prejudice against the beauties of the Catholic faith, may be thus sometimes gradually and almost imperceptibly softened, where argument and controversy would only serve to irritate and yet further estrange. The Kings no doubt acted with prudence as well as with zeal when carrying the blessed tidings to their brethren. We must imitate them in this, and when our conversation would be inopportune, we must show Jesus forth in our lives, dropping a word here and there, only where opportunity occurs in order to dispel an illusion, or correct an error, and this gently and with the utmost tact and charity, until we find that the time has come when we may safely speak. Then when we find our lips may be unsealed let us imitate them in their holy boldness, taking advantage to lead the souls around us, to a greater knowledge of Jesus and His Divine law, and to prepare the ground so that when the priestly authority, shall come in, to complete and bless our work, he may find that the precious grain which we have sown, is ripe for an abundant harvest.

As there is no way in which we can more certainly prove our love of the Blessed Sacrament than by bringing souls to the Feet of Jesus and by spreading broadcast His knowledge and love, let us make a resolution to increase our own science in order that we may have more to impart to others. Instead of spending our leisure hours over literature which is, at best, but an idle amusement, let us strive to acquire the science of Jesus — of the Blessed Sacrament especially : without being theologians, the more we know, the better we are fitted to teach, and what study could be so beautiful as the study of Jesus ?

Divine Master of all wisdom ! It is at Thy Feet we will endeavour to acquire this science of all sciences ! Nowhere dost Thou teach in so touching and so persuasive a manner as from the recesses of the Sacred Host. Grant that as we gaze upon Thee we may learn to know Thee, and that knowing Thee we may love Thee more ardently and serve Thee more devotedly, until we come to see Thy face in that land where our knowledge shall be perfected for evermore !