

the sea, it is true, but before arriving at their destination they will pass through heaven, and will become vested with almighty power by approaching the throne of mercies, which will open, as it were, to cover with benediction those who have offered them, as well as those for whom they are destined: these alms are the money which is given for the Propagation of the Faith."

We shall conclude this review with borrowing the language of a virtuous ecclesiastic, in a circular relative to the Institution, disseminated through the diocese of St. Flour: "We are all invited to contribute to the promotion of this work, the most holy that was ever undertaken; but they are priests above all who are especially called upon to concur in it. We occupy here the place of Jesus Christ,—*Pro Christo legatione fungimur*. Each priest, charged with the functions of the sacred ministry, can engage the faithful to assist it in his preaching, in catechising, in his direction of conscience, in his relations with his parishioners, and, above all, in his prayers. The superiors of religious communities, each head of a college, can also do it. In convents and schools, nothing can be more praiseworthy than the making known the excellence of this Institution. In great and little seminaries, instructions on this head will occasion and develop vocations. In colleges and primary schools, they will give the pupils a high idea of the religion which inspires so much courage, and operates so many prodigies. The young associates will despise the prevailing taste for play and debauchery: they will comprehend the dignity of man; because the Annals, which should be disseminated as much as possible, by plac-

ing them in communication with all parts of the globe, will develop in them a number of ideas respecting religion, commerce, civilization, and the customs of other nations; ideas which they would otherwise not have had, and which will extend the sphere of their knowledge, and make them disdain the miserable publications which falsify the judgment and corrupt the heart. Can fathers of families discover a more secure pledge for the morals of their children than by associating them with the Institution for the Propagation of the Faith? In short, the last comer, the least instructed Christian, can successfully co-operate with this work, and reap for himself the most abundant benedictions."

Gratitude of the Bishops and Missionaries in Infidel Countries.

We have heard the prelates of Europe recommending this institution to the faithful; let us now lend an ear to the testimonies of gratitude which it receives from the distant churches which it has assisted, for it is consoling to know that so many hands are raised to Heaven to invoke blessings on our heads. It would require an entire volume to give in detail all these testimonies. We have only to turn over the Annals to find in each page some instances: at one time, it is the Chinese catechist expressing his gratitude to us, for having opened heaven to him by sending missionaries; at another, it is a confessor acknowledging us as his fellow-labourers, on the ground of our having subscribed to this Institution for the Propagation of the Faith. The Bishop of Cincinnati prescribes public prayers for all its associates; and the vicar apostolic of Siam writes from the centre of Asia, and on his death-bed,