His independant being, His incomparable exaltation above all things, in a word His infinite perfection of greatness, power and majesty.

Now, no one, as Jesus, knows, sees understands all these perfections: they are plain to His eyes, " neither doth any one know the Father, but the Son", said He. What praise flows, in consequence, from His soul to the glory of the Father! He sees all things; gives praise; reveres, honors, extols all that is comprised in the divinity of His Father. He tends towards Him as towards His principal and supreme end, with all the might of His love, recognizing that God is the perf : happiness, the absolute perfection of all creatures. And with all the power of His will Jesus yields to Him, gives Himself up to Him, acknowledges and accepts all God's rights over Himself. O perfect adorer in spirit and truth! God sees prostrated at His feet, immolated before Him, to render Him more honor and more glory, His own Son who is equal to Him in all things! What glory He receives from voluntary dependence of that King of Kings, of that God of God, true God of true God, annihilated before Him for His love to please and satisfy Him — O ye who surround the altar, see clearly with the eyes of faith Jesus Christ in His office of adoration, which He accomplishes in all its perfection, without faltering, without ceasing; He offers His adoration, His praises, His love to God in order to make up for your deficiencies in adoring God in spirit and truth as you should and as He deserves.

II.—Thanksgiving.

The second duty of religion consists in recognizing through Thanksgiving the goodness, the liberality of God and all the favors incessantly bestowed on the creature from this inexhaustible source of all blessings.

In order to fulfil this duty properly it is necessary to understand how God, who owes nothing to any one, and who so generously bestowes His gifts on all creatures, is good, beneficient, liberal and merciful.

It is moreover necessary to know His gifts, their excellence, their worth, their magnitude and their number: