

Visit of the Rt. Rev. Mgr Heylen,
Bishop of Namur.



It was our pleasure to welcome at our house on January the 18th the Rt. Rev. T. L. Heylen, Bishop of Namur and President of the Permanent Committee of International Eucharistic Congresses. His Lordship was returning from Montreal, Canada, where he met the Committees appointed, who are preparing the XXI International Eucharistic Congress, to be held from the 7th to the 11th of next September. He approved of the arrangements already agreed upon, and preached in the Cathedral at Montreal on the importance of the Eucharistic Congresses and the salutary results they have produced. He said in part :

“The chief aim of the Eucharistic Congresses is to render to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist public and social worship. It is to be deplored that in modern society, God is not worshipped as He should be. Among the nations of Europe that were once Catholic, God is misunderstood or ignored ; hence the usefulness of the Eucharistic Congresses which bring together men of all ranks and of all nations to acknowledge and proclaim the supreme kingship of God. *Oportet illum regnare*. Christ must triumph; He must reign ; He must rule over all the nations of the earth.”

Another end of the Eucharistic Congresses is to increase the knowledge and the love of the Holy Eucharist and to promote Eucharistic works. Bishop Heylen said that he heard, during the former Congresses held in the principal countries of Europe, not only priests but also laymen, speaking with great ardor and deep learning of Our Eucharistic Lord and he feels assured that the Catholic Americans will vie in this matter with their European brethren during the coming International Congress. Speaking of the results obtained in his own dio-