

his friends had been accustomed, carrying, to deposit at the first or second of these Sanctuary entrances, in order to solicit charity from such as passed either in or out. Having asked an alms of the two Apostles, the beggar was invited by Peter to look on him and John, while he at the same moment fixed his glance on the beggar. "Expecting to receive something from" men whose eyes beamed compassion on his misery, and whose accents sent an invigorating thrill through his hitherto nerveless frame, the suppliant could only have been struck with amazement when he listened to the words which fell from Peter's lips—"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" As if, too, that not an instant should remain in which doubt might invade his heart, the Apostle reached out his hand, and, having taken that of the beggar "with a firm, friendly grasp," raised him up, or invited him to raise himself. "Immediately," as a concomitant and result of his awakening faith, "his feet and his ankle bones received strength." Leaping to an upright position, "he stood and began to walk"—two actions he had never in his life before performed; "and he entered," with his two benefactors, "into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God"—*i.e.*, dancing about in unusual and perhaps extraordinary gyrations, as one might do who had suddenly become conscious of having acquired the new faculty of locomotion, and felt himself impelled by the unwonted and lively sensations of pleasure it occasioned to put it to every imaginable trial; and yet, at the same time, praising God, presumably in psalms and hymns, interspersed with brief and pious ejaculations, for a signal mercy bestowed on his soul as well as body.

Cornelius A'Lapide relates that on one occasion Thomas Aquinas paid a visit to Innocent II., arriving at a moment when the Pontiff was engaged in counting a large sum of money. "See, Thomas," said the Pope, "the Church can no longer say, 'Silver and gold have I none;'" to which Aquinas replied, "True, Holy Father, but neither can she now say, 'Rise up and walk!'" Whether this work of healing done