

Church men seem to be satisfied with a skeleton of her. For them an outline, a skeleton suffices ; there is no room for colour, for flesh and blood. They call her Mary when they do not call her worse ; seldom the Virgin Mary, rarely the Blessed Virgin, and never the Mother of God. Yet the Bible makes her the Mother of God. The title comes to her from the Holy Book. Read the testimony of St. Luke :—

“ In the sixth month, the Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David ; and the Virgin’s name was Mary. And the Angel being come in, said to her ; Hail full of grace, the Lord is with thee ; blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought within herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the Angel said to her ; Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a Son ; and thou shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David His father ; and He shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the Angel, How shall this be done ? because I know not man. And the Angel answering said to her ; The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy (One) which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age ; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren ; because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said : Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word. And the Angel departed from her.”
St. Luke 1, 26-38.

What comment can any human voice make upon these words of the Bible ? What comment is there to make ? God sent an Archangel to a humble virgin, and that ambassador from the heavenly court spoke a message, such as no other human ears before or since have been privileged to hear. Coming in to her he said : “ Hail, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women.” That is all we ask of anyone to believe of the Blessed Virgin,—that she is blessed with the blessedness of her Divine Son. From an