

he found, to his dismay, that he had lost the paper. He therefore began to explain the subject of his petition orally, but hesitated and faltered. The Holy Father put an end to his confusion, by taking his pen and writing the following:

*To all those who before the Blessed Sacrament exposed will recite this ejaculation «Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament pray for us» we grant three hundred days indulgence.*

PIUS PP. X.

*December 30, 1905.*

The date of the rescript shows that the title was «Our Lady's New Years gift».

Under the impulse given it by this recognition, devotion to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament has spread throughout the world. Mary is acclaimed under this title at the annual Eucharistic Congresses, and we may entertain the hope that, before long she may thus be honored with a special feast in the liturgical year.

Coming now to the foundation of this devotion, from an array of arguments in its favor, we shall select the three most striking. Foremost among the reasons for calling Mary Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, and one too, which could serve as a foundation for the devotion were other arguments wanting, is her Divine Maternity. When the time was come for Jesus to leave Heaven and take up His abode amongst men, owing to its importance in the economy of the redemption, the institution of the Blessed Sacrament occupied no small share of His thought. When He fixed upon Mary to be His Mother and adorned her with an Immaculate Conception and countless other graces, the bosom He was thus preparing, was to furnish flesh and blood for the Eucharist, as well as for Bethlehem, Nazareth and Calvary. Mary's fiat on the night of the Annunciation,