

orders, vetoed the maintenance of a great number of priests, etc...

Yet all this was but so many preliminary steps towards their real object, their satanic intention to banish Jesus Christ from France and for that purpose to attack the Eucharist and wage war against the Blessed Sacrament.

We might relate many a sad tale marking those sacrilegious inventories but space will not allow us more than one or two. In a certain place a band of miscreants entered the church and after indulging in some kind of unholy dance, maliciously threw dirt all over the building ;—but even worse followed and we shudder as we think of it—an unclean animal was shut up in the tabernacle : *Parce, Domine...*

The atrocities of this war against the God of the Eucharist are innumerable and inconceivable.

What, then, has Jesus done to excite this frenzied outburst? In His Sacrament of Love, as during His mortal life, He loves and protects us : guides us in our pilgrimage to heaven ; makes Himself strength for the weak, consolation for the afflicted, food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, in a word the source of all good to all men. Yet this same Jesus who lived on earth " in doing good " "*benefaciendo*," was scourged, crowned with thorns and crucified by the Jews, treatment again meted out to Him to-day in the vain hope of banishing Him from His kingdom by those worthy successors of Pilate, Herod, and the rabble who carried out their orders.

This sacrilegious war imposes on us, Servants of the Most Holy Sacrament, a pressing duty,—that of offering reparation and consolation to the outraged, insulted, profaned Christ. And in order to discharge it more perfectly, let us unite in spirit with those Christians whose sublime and numerous acts of devotedness have helped to sustain their pastor's courage though this cruel ordeal, and whom we see represented in the engraving on the opposite page gathered together before their church in a determined and defiant attitude, ready to imitate Our Lord Himself driving out the profaners of the temple and saying : I have given you the example, follow it. Many have already fearlessly shed their blood in defence of the God of the Tabernacle and solemn ceremonies of reparation have been held everywhere.