

comply with his promise. He had already begun the ceremony, recited the Confiteor and mounted the altar steps when, looking up to salute the Crucifix, he saw it had been forgotten. Turning towards the king, he said ; "I cannot continue, something very important is missing." "What," asked the king, "Could it be what has just appeared so mysteriously above your head ?" The priest looked up and



saw two angels presenting him a large crucifix. The sight redoubled his confidence and he resumed the Holy Sacrifice, his heart overflowing with gratitude and love.

The king watched both the celebrant and the ceremonies very attentively while labouring under a strange emotion. The priest in his sacerdotal robes, totally absorbed in the sacredness of the great action he was celebrating seemed to him more than human ; apprehensively, he