SUBJECT of ADORATION

"Grant Peace O Lord, in our days."

I. — ADORATION.

Though there are other views of this present disastrous war, it is to be considered as a punishment for the sins of mankind. We may observe God's ways of dealing with the nations, in the history of the Jewish people. Whenever Israel forgetting Jehovah wandered from the path marked out for her, a cruel war brought her back again. Then some prophet would point out the cause of the evil, and when this was removed peace and prosperity returned.

This is just what has happened in our own days. The nations, having long tried, and seemed in fact, to do without God have been brought to their senses by this great war. Pope Benedict XV as God's prophet has pointed out the causes of this scourge. "These are," he says, "the want of mutual love amongst men, contempt for authority, injustice in the different relations of society, and material welfare made the only object of man's activity." Peace will follow the removal or attenuation of these causes.

Here present is Jesus, who has by this war shown the hand He takes in the government of this world: of the lower creation, of rational individuals and of nations. Adore Him ruling our destinies. Adore Him as the All-Holy and All-Just who cannot let sin go unpunished. This done, recalling His words and deeds when He walked this earth as one of ourselves, adore Him as most merciful. Dwell long and earnestly on His mercy. He will give us peace when He sees fit.

II. — THANKSGIVING.

What have we to be thankful for with regard to this war? In the first place, cruel as it is, it might have been still worse. Though we feel its effects on this side of the Altantic, we must thank God for sparing us the sufferings of the war-zone itself.

We should rejoice at the awakening of faith in the hearts of thousands and at the current of throught which tends to abate preiudice against priests, nuns and the Catholic Church in general. Besides,