

A DREAM.

DREAMS are usually the effect of our daily occupations or the outcome of imagination through the activity of the mind. They are quickly obliterated and we consider them of no importance whatever. But sometimes God uses them to give a warning or make an appeal to a soul,—“God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men.” (Job xxxiii, 14, 15).

When I was twelve years of age I had a dream which I wish to tell you of. It came upon me, by God's grace, a deep and salutary impression.

I saw a ladder reaching from the earth to heaven and people ascending on it. Their air and manner struck me; they seemed serious, but at the same time so calm, so happy! a heavenly peace manifested in their faces which I greatly desired to have, that I began to follow them in their ascent. At the top of the ladder, and standing at a door, was a person of majestic appearance, who introduced into the place to which this door opened, those who had preceded me. It was heaven. I arrived at length at the top, feeling, it is true, somewhat of anxiety, but filled with an ardent desire to enter, for I saw that all there was resplendent with a pure and glorious light and that all were in an atmosphere of peace, joy and happiness.

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