

20.) And, "he was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before his shearers, he opened not his mouth." (Isai, s. iii. 7.) He mourned, when "with a strong cry and tears, he offered up prayers and supplications on the cross." (Heb. v. 7.) Nay, his whole body perspired blood, through the greatness of his grief.

He thirsted after justice, as he was desirous of all the conditions of justice, and of purchasing, even with his life, true justice for us, saying, "I thirst." He was so merciful, that he delivered himself entirely up to relieve our miseries, which excited the compassion of his tender heart, and therefore, his sacrifice was most pleasing to his Father. "For it was fitting we should have such a priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners." (Heb. vii. 26.) He was a peace maker, because by his death he reconciled us to God. "But now in Christ Jesus, you who sometimes were afar off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is your peace, who hath made both one." Ephes. ii. 13. 14. In fine, he suffered for justice sake; and all those things which he foretold his disciples would suffer, he himself endured in the highest degree. When men shall revile you and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake," &c. Matt. v. 11.

His obedience is to be specially considered from the words of the Apostle, "He humbled himself, being made obedient unto death." Phil. ii. 8.

This obedience was in a most difficult matter. It was most entire: Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst, (John xiv. 38.) that the punishment of his drinking vinegar should be executed.

His obedience was most prompt. "I

do not resist. I have not gone back. I have given my body to the strikers, and my cheek to them that plucked them. I have not turned away my face from them that rebuked me, and spit upon me," (Isaias l. 56.) from whence, we may perceive, likewise, that his obedience was most humble. It was an obedience constant unto death, and an obedience of love. "That the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father hath given me commandment, so I do." (John xiv. 31.)

SEVENTH DAY.

What journies or stations did Christ make in his Passion? When, where, and in what circumstances did he suffer?

His journies or stations, were seven.

1. From the chamber of the last supper he went into the garden, where he was sorrowful, prayed and sweated drops of blood.
2. From Gethsemani, where he was apprehended, he went to Annas.
3. From Annas to Caiphas.
4. From Caiphas to Pilate's hall.
5. From thence to the palace of Herod.
6. From Herod back to Pilate.
7. From thence, after his condemnation, to Mount Calvary.

With regard to each of these, we may form various considerations, such as, on the Person and Dignity of the Sufferer, his interior feelings, his steps, his words, &c., his attendants, the people by whom he was surrounded, the places to which he was led

He suffered in the flower of his age, in the bloom of youth, at the festival of the Pasch, when there was a great con-