

the Last Sacraments." A glorious happiness showed itself in her face; she whispered some words of thanksgiving, and in a few moments afterwards drew her last breath.

Wonderful Effect of a Holy Communion

In 1870, there was in the Military Hospital of the Jesuit Fathers, in Metz, a soldier who had been dangerously wounded, but could not be induced to go to confession. Like many others, he had the foolish idea that if he received the Last Sacraments, there would be no hope of recovery. Meantime, his illness made rapid progress. The physicians held a consultation, and found that the only hope to save their patient's life was to amputate his arm. Realizing his great danger, the soldier at last called for a priest, made his confession and received Extreme Unction. Shortly after, he fell into a sound sleep. He was still sleeping when the time arrived for the very serious operation. Without disturbing him, the doctor examined the wound.

«What has happened to him?» he suddenly exclaimed in unfeigned astonishment. «What a wonderful change!»

«This morning he received Holy Communion,» replied the Brother in charge. «Tell him that he owes his life to that Remedy.»

Just then the sick man awoke and heard what the doctor said. Deeply moved and full of gratitude, he promised henceforth to receive Holy Communion frequently, and he faithfully kept his word. Contrary to all expectations, he who a short time previously appeared to be in the jaws of death, recovered completely and soon left the hospital in perfect health of body, and may we not say of soul, also? Yes, it is a well-known fact that the Last Sacraments often restore to life.