

words : " You shall be as gods," and in the sentiment of pride that it roused in him.

You will become like unto God ! Alas ! they became like unto the beasts. Ah, well ! Our Lord came to take up the promises of Satan, and repeat them to us, but with the intention of accomplishing them. Satan will be taken in his own snare. Yes, we shall become like unto God by the eating of His Flesh and Blood.

" You shall not die " —Immortality ! In Holy Communion, we receive a sure pledge of it : " He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him at the last day." Our Lord promises us eternal life. The temporal we shall lose. But that is not a life worthy the name ; it is only a halting-place on our way to true life.

" You shall be like unto God !" We change our state by rising to a more perfect union. A plebeian maiden becomes a queen when a king unites her to himself. Now Our Lord associates us to His Divinity by communicating Himself to us. We become His Flesh and His Blood ; we receive the divine and heavenly royalty of the Creator. Human nature has become divine in the hypostatic union. Communion also elevates us to the divine union, and renders us participants of the nature of God. Less perfect nourishment is changed into us, but we are changed into Our Lord who absorbs us. We become members of God, and in heaven we shall be so much the more glorious as we shall be more changed into Jesus Christ by our frequent participation in His Adorable Body.

Lastly, " You shall know all things".— Evil ! Yes — Good ? Certainly not. Where do we learn this divine science of good, excepting in Communion ? Listen to what Our Lord said to His Apostles after having communicated them : " I will not now call you servants, but friends ; because all things whatsoever I have heard of My Father, I have made known to you." Knowledge is given us in the Eucharist by God Himself, who becomes our special and immediate Teacher : "*Et erunt omnes docibiles Dei.*" He no longer sends us prophets, for He is Himself our Teacher. You shall know all