

"I made a vow," he says, "to devote myself to death in a society of adorers; and promised Our Lord that nothing should stop me.... Where is Jesus, my Saviour? In heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament. Heaven is but for angels and saints; the Blessed Sacrament is for me." With such sentiments, it is not surprising that he accomplished such wonders in the fifteen years of his sacerdotal ministry. At its outset he addressed a touching supplication to the Holy Father, with an outline of the Constitutions of his Order; and received from Pius IX, the warmest encouragement and approval, that saintly Pontiff declaring that the Blessed Eucharist should be made better known and loved by every possible means, and that Father Eymard's idea was evidently from Heaven.

What glorious results have followed from the devotedness, the fiery ardor of that single priest, was so humble that he wished to be forgotten after his death, to be confounded with the poor, and also to die, if it so pleased God, upon the roadside or in a stable! He founded, in the first place, a Congregation of Priests Adorers, who, as an eminent contemporary expresses it, are "the chamberlains in regular attendance upon the Eucharist; the guards who relieve each other at the foot of the altar." In the second place, Father Eymard founded a community of women, "the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament," who should assist in the carrying out of his grand ideal. And, that the laity might not be excluded from the special service of the Tabernacle, he established an archconfraternity on the easiest conditions. Merely one hour of adoration in any church or oratory, every month, suffices, to enroll a member. This organization, daily on the increase, has been enriched by successive Pontiffs with wonderful indulgences. Added to all this came the Sacerdotal League, binding its priestly members to the propagation of frequent and even daily Communion. This, too, has, of course, received the specific approval of Rome, accompanied with the exhortation of the Holy Father to the practice amongst the faithful of this apostolic and primitive devotion.

Everywhere the Eucharistic movement has seized upon the people, and has resulted in such splendid manifesta-