

Theresa ; nor the foundress of a religious order, like St. Scholastica or St. Clare. The Maid of Orleans, indeed, imitated her fortitude and was also a Saint. But the heroine of Domremy, who led the armies of France to victory and drove the foreign foe out of its territory, was older than Agnes, had the inspiring surroundings of the tented field to sustain her courage, died for an inferior cause — love of country and not for the pure love of God — and could not, as Agnes could, have escaped death by apostasy. In Agnes we see nothing but the natural weakness of extreme youth and of the gentler sex. But behind these we see God, who hath chosen “ the weak things of the world that he may confound the strong. ” (1) We see the supernatural power of God, whose weakness, says the apostle, “ is stronger than men. ” (2) Our devotion to her is supernatural in all its motives and circumstances. Her virginity and her martyrdom, both of which we have shown to be miracles of grace, are the magnets which attract our souls to her and draw our reverent bodies to her shrine. The light of the same religious faith, and of the same

(1) I Cor. iv., 27.

(2) I Cor. x., 25.