

## Eucharistic Congress.

*To Take Place this Year in London, England—Society  
is Work of a Holy Woman—Brief Historical Sketch  
of its Foundation.*



THE announcement that the next International Eucharistic Congress is to take place this year in London has been hailed with general delight and heartfelt consolation both in this country and on the continent, says Abbot Geubens, C. R. P., in his "History and Object of the Congress."

Blasphemy against the holy eucharist is a distinctive mark of the apostasy of the English people. This blasphemy has received an official recognition in the Coronation oath. And did not a great statesman declare that it is the mass that matters? Amongst our own Catholics is not the neglect of Sunday mass and of Easter communion one of the most saddening signs of the times, the cause of spiritual destitution and of religious indifference, and a great obstacle to the propagation of the faith in this country? For these reasons we rejoiced to hear that the Eucharistic Congress will be held in this country, because we are confident that this public manifestation of Catholic faith and piety will draw God's blessing on this country, and it will be the means of promoting a genuine devotion to the holy eucharist as a sacrament and a sacrifice, and that this increased devotion among our people may develop into social and even national works having for their special object adoration of Our Lord in the sacrament of His love and reparation for all the outrages committed against the blessed sacrament and the holy sacrifice of the mass. As to the continent, the Association of Our Lady of Compassion counts there numerous members: many more are praying for the conversion of this country, while all are watching with deep interest the evergrowing progress of Catholicity in England. Catholics living in countries in which these congresses have been held have seen the good everywhere produced by them, and they are confi-